

DISINTEGRATION OF GREAT FLEET

Began Yesterday at Hampton Roads. Some Warships Leaving for Various Navy-Yards.

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Picturesque Sight Presented When Admiral Farragut's Old Flagship The Hartford Sailed In.

Port Monroe, Va., Feb. 26.—The disintegration of the powerful naval force which has been anchored in Hampton Roads since Monday last, began today. The Minnesota and Virginia of the fleet which played the glorie stemmed away to the Norfolk navy yard to receive preparations for the summer maneuvers. The big white ships will be dressed in the sombre hues of "service gray."

The three most cruises, Chester, Birmingham and Salem, sailed later for Newport. After cruising there they will be sent out on a practice cruise which is expected to demonstrate the relative efficiency of the three different types of engines with which the fleet little vessels are fitted.

The battleships New Jersey and the Rhode Island are under orders to leave tomorrow, the former going to Boston and the latter to New York. Conscious of the fact that they will be the first of the homecoming fleet to enter New York harbor, the men and officers of the Rhode Island are preparing to celebrate accordingly.

Other ships are to leave shortly. It having been determined that "admiral's inspection" shall be delayed until later in the year. The ships have been under such close supervision on the way around the world, and reports have been made so frequently, that further inspection was deemed unnecessary.

Just what is to be done with the ships of the old squadron has not been determined. The men have had hard work fitting out and shakedown the new vessels, and are anxious to make some sort of a cruise rather than to remain at the extensive drill grounds until the ships of the returned fleet are ready for summer maneuvers. It is said that the squadron, undoubtedly will be given a West Indian cruise.

One of the most picturesque sights Hampton Roads ever has known was presented today, when Admiral Farragut's old flagship, the Hartford, came from Annapolis and cast anchor near the Connecticut. With her wooden hull and black rig, the Hartford presented a striking contrast to the modern vessels. She will be used in helping to transport blue-jackets to Washington for the inaugural parade.

Several reports spread today that Admiral Richard Wainwright, who is executive officer of the battleship, might order Capt. Bigsbee, when that vessel was destroyed in Havana harbor and who afterward commanded the little gunboat at the battle of Iwo Jima, to be promoted to Rear Admiral.

Admiral Wainwright, one of the most capable and energetic of the navy's leaders, was selected to command the new fleet. His selection would mean the sending of a message to the navy and board work. Admirals Arnold and Schroeder, as well as Admiral Sperry, who returns in September.

CHICAGO CHARITY FAKES MEET DETERMINED ENEMY

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Unvarnished charity "fakes" and pseudo-charity movements which in past years have drawn thousands of dollars from the pockets of generous but careless Chicago citizens to the detriment of reputable charities have a new enemy in Mrs. Charles Field, who at a conference of the Sherman Kingsley, Charles H. Becker, Dr. Henry, Franklin McVeagh and others has launched a project for the establishment of a central endorsement committee drawn from commercial and professional associations to investigate and pass on the moral and financial status of the various charity organizations of the city. Such endorsement committees are maintained with success in Liverpool, San Francisco, Cleveland and other large cities.

CATHOLICS ARE LOYAL AMERICANS

Love of Religion and Love of Country Burn Together in Their Hearts.

SO SAYS CARDINAL GIBBONS.

They Prefer U. S. Form of Government and Rejoice in the Separation of Church and State.

Baltimore, Feb. 26.—An article will appear in the March number of the North American Review by Cardinal Gibbons, in which the cardinal reviews or refutes categorically the charges made by ministers of certain other denominations affecting the loyalty of Catholics.

Cardinal Gibbons begins by saying that "fifteen million Catholics live their lives in our land with undisturbed belief in the perfect harmony existing between their religion and their duties as American citizens. Love of religion and love of country burn together in their hearts. They love their church as the divine spiritual society set up by Jesus Christ, through which they are brought into a closer communion with God. They love their country with the spontaneous and ardent love of all patriots, because it is their country and the source to them of untold blessings."

They prefer its form of government before any other. They accept the Constitution without reserve, with no desire, as Catholics, to see it changed in any feature. They can with a clear conscience swear to uphold it.

"American Catholics rejoice in our separation of church and state, and I can conceive no combination of circumstances likely to arise which would make a union desirable either to church or to state. We leave it to church and state in other lands to solve their problems for their own best interests. For ourselves, we thank God we live in America. We are immediately sentenced to life imprisonment, and was taken to the Lansing penitentiary late today."

CONFESSED TO MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE

Hutchinson, Kan., Feb. 26.—Orrville Poland, aged 35, this afternoon pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree for slaying Jesse Haymaker, his friend, the express clerk, here Wednesday morning. He was immediately sentenced to life imprisonment, and was taken to the Lansing penitentiary late today.

WATER POWER.

House Sub-Committee on Interstate Commerce Agrees on Report.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Still unable to agree with the president in his recommendation for charging for the water power of navigable streams, the subcommittee on interstate and foreign commerce has agreed upon a final report. A lengthy correspondence has been carried on with the department of justice. The constitutional questions propounded by the members were not answered in a way to convince them of the error of their opposition to the proposal of the president.

The subcommittee will present the draft of a proposed bill for the better regulation of water power on these streams.

BILLY SUNDAY ATTACKED WHILE IN THE PULPIT

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 26.—Evangelist W. A. ("Billy") Sunday, a former baseball player, was horsewhipped to-night by a man at the Sunday tabernacle, where, in the presence of 8,000 persons, he was conducting a revival. While the evangelist was leaning against the pulpit during the singing of a hymn, his assailant, who said his name was Sherman Potts, sprang forward with a buggy whip and struck Mr. Sunday several terrible blows. The evangelist leaped from the platform and knocked his powerful foe down. The audience was on the verge of a panic with women weeping and children screaming while Potts and Sunday rolled and tumbled in the aisle. The chorister directed the choir and the audience to sing, and in a few moments calm was restored. Several men held Potts until policemen arrived. Potts said he was once declared insane and committed to Jacksonville insane asylum. He made the attack, he said, in defense of women whom he declared had been criticized by the evangelist.

HOT DEBATE ON FORESTRY SERVICE

Senator Teller Led the Attack And Emphatically Condemned Gifford Pinchot's Policy.

SENATOR SMOOT DEFENDED IT

Clark of Wyoming Took Issue With Him on Method of Estimating Fire Losses in Forests.

Washington, Feb. 26.—After an entire day devoted to discussing the forestry provision of the agricultural appropriation bill, the senate tonight passed the measure.

The senate rejected the increase of \$500,000 in the appropriation for the forestry service, as recommended by the committee, and then a curious parliamentary situation arose. Mr. Heyburn had offered an amendment directing the secretary of agriculture to eliminate from all forest reserves the public lands not timbered, and to restore such public lands to location and purchase under the land laws of the United States, and the amendment had been accepted by Senator Warren, in charge of the bill.

When the amendment was laid before the senate, Mr. Flint of California made a point of order against it, which was sustained by the vice president.

"If I had known that the amendment would not be voted on I would have never concurred to the unanimous consent agreement," declared Mr. Heyburn.

The vice president then put the question to the senate, which declared the amendment out of order.

Senator Carter's amendment to reduce the forestry appropriation from \$2,885,000, as passed by the house, to \$2,600,000 was laid on the table by a vote of 32 to 25.

ATTACKED BY TELLER.

During the discussion of the bill Senator Teller called attention to the fact that the secretary of the interior, who has cut timber on the public lands in mining districts. He declared the timber had been cut legally and had yielded the government in precious minerals more than the value of the timber. He said he had drafted and procured the passage of the act of 1875, which allowed the people of the west to do what they had been doing without any law in the cutting of timber on public lands for mining camps.

"The men who swept these hills bare of timber," he said, "were not public robbers, but they acted in accordance with the law. The government has no right to the timber much more than the timber was worth. There has been no willful destruction of timber in Colorado. The people of that state are more interested in the conservation of their timber than any people outside of the state could possibly be."

Condemning the forestry bureau system, Mr. Teller said that Pinchot's plan had been to cut the Colorado during the days of its development, that state would still be the home of the coyote, the panther and the bear. The system, he said, was destroying the prospects for settlement in the future.

Reforestation, he said, has been a failure in Colorado. The farmers raise more timber in that state than is raised by the forestry bureau. "I would rather," he declared, "have an American home and an American family than to have a forest as big as all out of doors. I do not believe there is a moral or any other claim upon me to postpone the use of what nature has given me."

Mr. Teller insisted that the predictions concerning the exhaustion of the coal supply are very far from correct. Colorado alone, he said, could supply the world with coal for 150 or 200 years.

DEFENDED BY SMOOT.

Mr. Smoot defended the service, declaring the cost of all lectures before various societies last year had been only \$4,023. The lectures he regarded as entirely justified. "Every time," he said, "information is given about lengthening of life of a railroad the American people are benefited."

Mr. Smoot took up cases cited in the senate to show injustice to settlers who had disposed of their land within forest reserves, and in so doing became involved in a controversy with Senators Clark, Carter and others.

Mr. Smoot said the forestry service fire patrol system had saved \$34,000,000 worth of timber. Senator Clark (Wyoming) declared that in his state alone the losses in the last year from forest fires would have amounted to \$3,000,000 if it had not been for the exertions of the foresters.

ONE YEAR FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 26.—A special to the Miner from Glasgow, Mont., says the jury in the second trial of the John Sherry murder case, after being out twenty-six hours, returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter and fixed the penalty at one year.

Sherry shot and killed Harry Black at Hinsdale in October, 1907. He claimed self-defense.

FARM JOBS IN WEST DECLARED TO BE A MYTH

New York, Feb. 27.—Farm jobs in the west and the crying demand for agricultural labor is a myth and a delusion, and a snare, according to John C. Earle, financial secretary of the Bureau of Labor.

But while he gives countless newspaper clippings and other communications purporting to show that farmers are badly in need of help and ready to employ the idle men of the city, the bureau is unable to locate the addresses or get any definite information.

Discussing this interesting bit of news bearing on the labor problem and the question of Mr. Earle, said: "This is a trouble we are constantly having. Western newspapers print stories that help is badly needed in certain sections of the country. We offer to furnish honest information, sober men who are willing to take any kind of work since they have been out of employment for months, and then we find that the story is a myth and a delusion."

"Every time I write the government of every state in the Union offering to supply help it is found and the indifference of farmers who wanted hands. From those letters I did not get a single reply to show that there was any great demand for farm hands."

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RAILROADS ARE HUMBLE FACTOR

In Development of Country's Resources. Strip of Wood Plays Important Part.

SUBSTITUTE NOT YET FOUND.

Best Material for Ties is White Oak, And This is Becoming Very Scarce.—Prepared Woods Figure.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, Feb. 27.—That the humble railroad tie is a most important factor in the material development of the country is a great truth that is little understood by people outside of railroad circles. The pulling engine that speeds at the rate of a mile or more a minute over the country is a slave to the two steel rails that insure a smooth and safe road, and these rails in turn depend on the old-fashioned wooden cross-ties which hold them in place.

Yankee invention has not yet found a substitute to give up wood, although experts say that the day will surely come when the country's forests will no longer be called upon to supply the demand for ties. Up to the present time it seems that no other material has been found which has the resiliency of wood and which at the same time causes less wear and tear on the rail fastenings, and soiled.

The country's railroads during the last two or three years use 110,000,000 to 120,000,000 of these ties, or about a year. The ideal tie is white oak, which combines the qualities of durability, hardness, strength, and close grain. It is not only excellent for ties, but is widely used in ship building, for general construction, in coopers, in the manufacture of carriages, for agricultural implements, interior finish of houses, and for furniture. On account of this wide use, the supply has been greatly reduced and some of the railroads have been forced to pay almost prohibitive prices for ties, or to substitute other, and cheaper woods to replace the white oak, ties rapidly disappearing from their lines.

Over 40 per cent of the ties recently purchased by the railroads of the country are of white oak, according to latest statistics of United States forest service. Cross-ties of Southern pine formed somewhat less than 25 per cent. Douglas fir ties ranked third, with approximately 10 per cent of the total. Naturally the proportion of these two timbers will increase as the supply of oak dwindles. This is also true of cedar, hemlock, spruce, western pine, larch, fir, hemlock, and other trees which are coming into the market as the timbers.

Cedar, which is very durable, has been extensively used to make the place of white oak for ties, but it is so soft that it is readily cut by the rails. This necessitates the use of the plates and other protective devices when cedar ties are used. As the supply of oak is also running short, it is necessary for the railroads to seek further for new tie woods. One of the woods which has all the qualities of a tie, and has the exception of durability, is the beech.

A beech tie generally consists largely of sapwood, which partly accounts for its lack of durability, but, on the other hand, it is very easily treated with preservative treatment. In Germany and France, beech ties have been successfully preserved from decay and are used widely distributed throughout the eastern part of the United States, and at the present time is comparatively cheap and abundant.

As the ties of the railroads which are located in the region where beech is abundant can make use of this wood, treated with some suitable preservative, another source of supply of the timber will be opened up.

Stumpage values have been increasing so rapidly during the last few years that many railroads have found it necessary to modify their timber policy, and they yearly apply preservatives to a greater number of ties and to more kinds of woods. Substitute woods naturally vary with different sections of the country, but in most cases they lack the two essential qualities found in white oak, namely, resistance to mechanical wear and to decay. Experience proves that wear can be successfully retarded by the use of the plates and other mechanical devices, and decay can be postponed by the application of proper preservatives. The new conditions have made it necessary for many railroad companies to meet the problem of preservation by establishing treating plants at central points of distribution along their lines.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

Of Conservation Conference Sent to Congress by Pres. Roosevelt.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The "declaration of principles" adopted by the North American conservation conference, which has just concluded its work here, in which certain recommendations are made for the conservation of the natural resources of the United States, Canada and Mexico, was today transmitted by the president to Congress. The president's acknowledgment "with sincere gratification" the prompt and courteous response of the governments invited to participate in the conference.

FARMER CAPTURES ROBBERS.

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 26.—In the San Bois mountains hilly-banded and in the dark, James Beck, a farmer residing near Stigler, Okla., early today captured five robbers who had robbed him of \$2,000, recovered part of the money and then made an ineffective attempt to land his game in jail. Two were wounded by all except.

SNEEZING BRINGS BOY OUT OF LONG TRANCE

New York, Feb. 27.—Wilbur Healy, a 15-year-old boy of Bloomfield, N. J., sneezed violently yesterday and regained consciousness after being in a 10-day trance. He was injured in a basketball game in days ago, and after returning home last night, he was found in a long trance. It is the belief of physicians that his sneezing loosened a blood clot in the brain and that he will recover. He has continued today and apparently improving rapidly. Dipped from a soda cushion evidently caused him to sneeze, although he was unconscious at the time.

C. R. TAIT BUYS A MILLET.

New York, Feb. 27.—Charles F. Tait, a brother of the president-elect, has purchased for \$7,000, Millet's "Sleeping Beauty," the highest priced picture offered here yesterday at the sale of the notable collection of oil paintings of Henry Graves. Fifty-nine pictures in all were sold last evening under the auspices of the American Art Association, bringing a total of \$235,500. An agent acted for Mr. Tait. The picture represents a corner of a farm yard.

TO IMPROVE GRANTS TOMB.

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