

ADMIRAL EVANS GIVES UP COMMAND

Unostentatiously and Without Unusual Ceremony Hands It

**Thomas Will Command Five Day
When He'll Retire in Favor**

**"Fighting Bob" Goes Direct to Wash-
ington, Accompanied by Family**

San Francisco, May 2.—Unostentatiously and without unusual ceremony Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans today relinquished command of the Atlantic fleet to Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas. Worn with his exertions of last night, when he was wheeled in a chair to the banquet room at the St. Francis hotel and spoke for some minutes to the assembled guests amid scenes of wild enthusiasm, Admiral Evans today rested in his room at the hotel. His flag afloat on the masthead of the Connecticut was hauled down at 10:30 this morning with a salute of 13 guns from the ship. At the same instant the red flag of Admiral Thomas floating on the Minnesota was hauled down with similar honors, and the admiral, accompanied by his aides

The officers of the flagship were drawn up on the quarterdeck with the band and full guard at attention. As Admiral Thomas came over the side, the band struck up the strains of a march and the saluting guns of all the ships of the Atlantic fleet began to boom out in honor of the new commander in chief. Admiral Thomas re-

needed immediately to the cabin vacated by Admiral Evans, and after receiving congratulations of officers, proceeded with characteristic energy to take up the active duties of command. Later in the day he received scores of telegrams from all parts of the country congratulating him upon his attainment to the office of command. Admiral Evans' illness had been but a few days, and he was able to get his feet rethring in favor of Rear Admiral Charles N. Sperry on May 15.

The illness of Admiral Evans interrupted with the semi-honored ceremony of the flag being hoisted on the mast from his flagship to the shore in a pulling boat, the oars manned by the captains of the various vessels by the fleet. The flag was hoisted by the

strength would be sufficient for him to leave the hotel today and go to the Connecticut for the final ceremonies but Dr. McDonnold dissuaded him from making the attempt. The admiral plans to go to the depot at 6 o'clock this evening.

It is stated today that the effort to

have heard of Vice President Hoover transferred upon Admiral Evans will be continued with energy. A movement is on foot here to cause a concerted movement in that direction. Secretary McElain is quoted as saying that he will do all in his power to bring this about. The admiral goes direct to Washington. He will be accompanied by members of his family and his personal staff.

Admiral Evans will be taken to the ferry in a closed carriage and will cross on the ferry to Oakland pier. Here he will board the private car Sunset on the Southern Pacific. He will go east over the Southern Pacific Union Pacific, Chicago & Northwest and Pennsylvania lines, and arrive in Washington on Wednesday.

**IN ILLINOIS CHILDREN
MUST STUDY OR WORK**

Chicago, May 9.—Under the provisions of the new Illinois compulsory education law, children between the ages of 4 and 16 must be "in school or at work." In enforcing these provisions, however, the Chicago board of education has found that, because of the recent depression, hundreds of boys and girls are wandering the streets in search of work which they are unable to find.

cannot find. When told that they must go to school, the children—and their parents—plead that the support of their families depends on their getting work, and that, under the law, they are entitled to an unrestricted opportunity to look for it.

It is the subject of a special report, which he presented to President Schindler in a preliminary meeting on August 11, 1936. The young principals should be authorized to give children over 14 the privilege of leaving school to go to work. They may have time to look for employment in the afternoon. The parental school regulations, he suggests, should be interpreted so that children up to the age of 14 may be admitted to industrial education. He declares, should be introduced in the grades so that the youngsters will be better equipped when they start on their search for work.

The matter will probably be introduced

COMPLETE FOUR SUBJECTS.

The text book convention, being held in the city council chamber of the city and county building, is busy this morning with the consideration of the subjects of reading, spelling, geography and music in committee. The committees on grammar, arithmetic, physiology and writing have made their reports and recommendations to the convention, but no announcements will be made until the afternoon. The committees have reported and the convention acts upon the recommendations made.

A number of the book firm representatives waiting in the corridors adjoining the meeting hall this morning started to make the halling song, but were stopped by a suggestion that the supreme court was being disturbed by the noise, the singers desisted.