

FLEET ACHORS IN MANILA BAY

American Battleships in Water
Made Famous by Admiral
Dewey.

OFFICERS AND MEN HAPPY

Efficiency of Vessels Greatly Increased by Being Thrown On Own Resources

Special Incident—Will Sail for Japan Oct. 9.

Manila, Oct. 2.—Fresh from a triumphant reception in Australian port and with their cruise around the world and their accomplishments, the 16 battleships of the American fleet, which sailed from Hampton roads last December, are anchored in double column tonight off the breakwater close to the Luneta whence a splendid view of the warships was obtainable today.

During the late afternoon and early evening, after the fleet had come to anchor, thousands of residents of the islands crowded every available spot commanding a view of the anchorage and the general air of expectancy and excitement indicated the eager interest that has attended the fleet's coming.

OFFICERS ASSEMBLE.

Soon after anchoring, the rear admirals commanding the divisions of the captains of the 15 vessels assembled on board the flagship Connecticut to pay their respects to Rear Admiral Sperry. The only salute marking the arrival of the fleet was fired in honor of Rear Admiral G. B. Harber, commander of the 1st division of the Pacific fleet, as he came aboard the Connecticut to greet Admiral Sperry. Following a conference with the fleet commander, the admiral's orders had been issued, and nothing was taken aboard from shore pending further consideration of the situation in Manila.

Shore leave will be granted to the fleets, providing they return to sea by 10 p. m. A special permit must be secured for the purpose of obtaining overnight and careful instructions were given governing their conduct while ashore, in order to guard against any possible disturbance to the situation aboard the vessels of the fleet.

EFFICIENCY DEMANDED.

In discussing the long ordeal for San Francisco with the correspondents who boarded the Connecticut this evening, Rear Admiral Sperry declared that the warships had been thrown on their own resources without the convenience and support of the navy yard, the efficiency of the ships had been greatly increased. This, he said, was particularly true of the engineering department, but the gymnastic and physical training of the crews had also increased with the repetition of drills and with the additional experience of handling the ships under conditions of all kinds. The admiral, who was in command of the fleet on leaving San Francisco, expressed himself as well satisfied with the general results attained from the standpoint of discipline, seamanship and adaptability of the crews.

Thousands of persons tonight thronged the Luneta or public square, which was brilliantly illuminated. A big concert band, with a full complement of instruments, was playing music loudly from the bugle corps of the Philippine cavalry were features of the entertainment provided for the crowds. The harbor the long line of lights, including the city lights, and the lights of the harbor, and the lights of the city, all combined to form a blaze of electric illumination on shore and as the hours grew later the bustle and hum of the celebrating crowds subsided and the stars came out in the night sky.

There were no exchanges of formal calls with the shore this evening. After the water parade in the morning, which all Manila will participate in, a sufficient number of vessels can be found, Gov.-Gen. Smith will call upon Admiral Sperry, who will later inspect and return the call, also paying his respects to Maj.-Gen. Weston, commanding the troops stationed in Manila. Latest reports show that the cholera in this city is diminishing rapidly. It is expected that the city will be clear in a few days.

DEPARTURE FOR JAPAN.
The fleet will sail for Japan on the evening of Oct. 9.
The voyage of the fleet from Australia to this port was without special incident. All of the battleships with the exception of the battleship Connecticut left Albany on the evening of September 29.

18. The flagship was delayed by coming, but sailed on the morning of Sept. 19, and overtook the rest of the fleet the next morning. The ships passed Fremantle at noon on Sept. 20, and distant from the shore. A number of large steamers and many small craft

The delay in leaving Albany was due to the tardy appearance of the chartered colliers. The fleet experienced

difficulty through the non-arrival late arrival of chartered colliers Auckland as well as at Albany. Three were expected at Auckland but only three arrived. Sixteen thousand tons of coal were purchased in Australia so the fleet might reach Albany with

out danger of running short of fuel. At Albany two colliers arrived late and two were on the over-due list. In consequence the fleet was delayed for 24 hours and even then did not fill the bunkers completely, but the exercise of great economy and excellent service

This, the officers declare, shows the necessity of a navy owning its own colliers, as merchant colliers are usually under foreign flags, undependable in peace and much more so in war. The

GOLD AND SILVER STOCK.

Washington, Oct. 7.—The provisional monthly statement of the stock of gold and silver coin in the United States, Oct. 1, prepared by the director of the mint, gives the amount as \$2,244,118, which embraces \$1,530,667,749 in gold and \$714,081,072 in silver coins. There has been an increase in the stock of coins since Oct. 1, 1907, of \$2,255,282 in gold and

Dec. 31, 1901, of \$30,000,000 in gold and
\$33,867 in silver.