

DANGER AHEAD FOR THE FLEET



CALIFORNIA GIRLS ARE FORMING LEAP-YEAR PROPOSAL CLUBS.
—Cartoon by G. C. Williams, in the Chicago News.

Sing Ho! For Our Gallant Fleet Now in Magdalena Bay

How "Fighting Bob" and the Men Behind the Guns Brought the "Big Sixteen" Safely to Anchor in That Beautiful Harbor.

WHAT THE CREWS EAT ON THE LONG PRACTICE VOYAGE

Magdalena Bay, Lower California, via San Diego, Cal.—It is probable that the fleet will leave here between April 5 and April 10. Stops will be made at San Diego, the ports of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz. At Los Angeles the fleet will be divided into divisions of four ships each, to be anchored off Long Beach, San Pedro, Redondo, Venice and Santa Monica. It is not unlikely that the fleet will steam in single line formation up the coast along the line of the various ports and then divide. This would make a splendid naval pageant which might be witnessed by the people of those cities. Again, on departure, the fleet will probably form in single column and sail north, repeating the parade. A simultaneous salute, such as was given in some of the South American ports, may be fired.

Target Practice.
Target practice will occupy probably about three weeks. There will be no battle practice, that being held in the fall of the year. Preliminary practice is limited to two ships, the Kansas and the Vermont, which have not yet fired all their guns in practice. All will engage in record target practice. There will be four ranges, four ships firing at a time. The rafts for the targets were finished and towed out to the grounds, to the southeast of where the squadron was anchored. Three or four of the ships, including the Georgia, Rhode Island, Kansas and Vermont, were on the range laying out the lines and anchoring buoys for the attachment of the targets and for the guidance of the ships. The frames of the targets were towed out by a tug.

Coal Problem Met.
Captain R. R. Ingersoll, chief of staff to Rear-Admiral Evans, upon whom much of the detail work in connection with the voyage has fallen, said:
"The plans which were formulated last August for the coaling on the present cruise provided for the use of eighty tons per steaming mile. Then there was added eight tons daily for various necessary allowances. We have found that we were able to keep well within this estimate and maintain the ten-knot speed. The arrangements for coaling at all our various stopping places have been worked out, and the prepared plans have proved entirely adequate."

"At Rio we took on 24,000 tons, at Punta Arenas 21,000, at Callao 21,000, and at Magdalena, when we have finished with the coilers, we shall have taken on 35,000 tons additional. This supply will be adequate to last until we arrive at San Francisco. This provides also for the coal to be used in our target practice. All this amount of coal was provided, with the exception of the amounts taken on at Rio and Trinidad, from chartered coilers."

The Provisions.
"The supply ship loads and the provisions for the fleet were computed at the same time as the coal estimate, and submitted to the department. These have worked out to perfection. Our fresh meat lasted until we reached Magdalena, where we still had 200,000 pounds left over. We had 1,000,000 pounds of fresh meat when we started. The bakeries on our ships have supplied us with from 900 to 1000 loaves of bread daily. We started with half a million pounds of potatoes, which supply was exhausted at Punta Arenas. We issued the last 4000 pounds there. From there to Callao the

crews were rationed with dehydrated or dried vegetables, which were found to be most satisfactory. At Callao we took on 238,000 pounds of potatoes, which lasted until we reached Magdalena. Here the Buffalo met us with 200 tons more. This will last ten days, until the Culgoa can get here from San Diego, where she was sent from Callao with orders to take on stores and return here. She will give us enough fresh provisions to last until we arrive at our final destination at San Francisco."

"The trip has demonstrated that the Atlantic fleet can go to any part of the world if coal is provided. The men and officers of the fleet have not regarded the present cruise in the same remarkable sense that the public has. With them it has merely been a day's work—nothing more. However, they are all gratified at the successful conclusion of the cruise to date. It merely confirms our expectations."

Failure to Rescue Jeffs.
Much disappointment is expressed throughout the fleet over the failure of the expedition to rescue the American sailor Jeffs from Indefatigable Island. The fleet passed within about forty miles of the island, and the tender Yankton was sent in to make the search. The landing party from the tender searched all habitable parts of the island for two days. Remains of camp fires were found in several places, but no trace of the sailor was discovered. In one place a razor was found with Jeffs' initials on it. It is the belief of the men on the Yankton that the marooned sailor has been picked up by some passing vessel. Search was made in every possible place where the man could have concealed himself before perishing, but it was without result.

The Town of Magdalena.
The little town of Magdalena has not grown to any appreciable extent because of the fleet's visit. It is about the same size that it has been for years past. It consists of a row of one and two-story whitewashed houses located on the northern shore of what is known as Man of War Cove. The houses sit back from the beach some fifty feet and extend for perhaps 1000 yards along the shore. Mr. Heney, a cousin of Francis J. Heney, the assistant district attorney of San Francisco, is the only full white man in the place. He has resided here for the last eight years as local manager of a company controlling 4,120,000 acres of land which front along the bay. A young woman, a cousin of Mr. Heney, and her mother reside with him. The remainder of the population is entirely Mexican. There are normally about 115 people in the place. On the ranch horses and cattle are reared. The cattle are killed for local consumption. Water is the great problem. Ordinarily, it is brought from many miles inland, and frequently is furnished to Mr. Heney by warships in the harbor, which have distilling plants.
The day before the arrival of the Atlantic fleet the steamship Curacao, from La Paz, landed thirty-eight Mexicans at Magdalena, and the question of food and water for them was a serious problem. Mr. Heney solved it by sharing a supply from the ships. Governor Sanjez and his official party are quartered at Mr. Heney's residence.
Within the last two days two or three new buildings of a temporary nature have sprung up along the beach and are being used by Mexican vendors.

Hundred Persons Quit Theatre Seats to Shake Schmitz's Hand.
San Francisco.—As a demonstration of the feeling against the graft prosecution and its methods, the audience at the Lyceum Theatre cheered former Mayor Schmitz as he stalked up the aisle between the acts of "Robert Emmet."
"Three cheers for Mayor Schmitz," some one shouted. Nearly every person in the audience joined in the cheering.
A hundred or more persons left their seats and shook hands with him.

COMMERCIAL COLUMN.

Weekly Review of Trade and Latest Market Reports.

Bradstreet's says:
There is quite considerable improvement in both the tone of general distributive trade and in the volume of business actually booked by jobbers. Withal, however, there is little change to be seen in the character of the buying, which is still along very conservative lines, and while the volume of business doing is larger now than at any time since last fall, the shrinkage from a year ago is distinct and unmistakably large. Collections are still very backward; prices of staples tend lower, as for a long time past; the earning power of employes in many lines of industry is being curtailed by short time or wage reductions, and the threat is made that a refusal to accept lower wages may result in a wide-spread suspension of activity in the coal trade. The demand for iron and steel shows little real expansion, aside from some lines like wire and similar goods; old material tends to ease, and many consuming plants are running on short time.

The long standing curtailment of cotton goods products shows no signs of ending; in fact, a continued heavy cut in production is indicated, and notice has been given, in addition, of a 10 per cent. reduction in wages at some of the eastern mills.
Dry goods of various kinds, groceries, hardware, implements and paints are moving fairly well. Export trade in cotton goods does not gain much, and the output of farm products is not as large as in recently preceding months.
Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week aggregated 2,955,902 bushels, against 2,953,998 last week, 2,080,034 this week last year and 3,966,250 in 1902.

Wholesale Markets.
New York.—Wheat—Receipts, 14,000; exports, 7,906; spot steady; No. 2 red, 99 1/2 c. elevator; No. 2 red, 1.00 1/2, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 1.13 1/2, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 1.11 1/2, f. o. b. afloat.
Corn—Receipts, 1,705; exports 17,203; spot firmer; No. 2, 73 1/2 c. elevator, and 67 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 white, 67 1/2, and No. 2 yellow, 67 1/2 c. f. o. b. afloat, all nominal. Option market was without transactions closing 3/4 to 1/2 c. net lower. May closed 73 3/4; July closed 70 1/2.
Oats—Receipts, 109,500; spot steady; mixed, 26 3/4 c. 32 pounds; 57 natural white, 26 3/4 c. 32 pounds; 57 60; clipped white, 32 3/4 c. 40 pounds 60 65.
Poultry—Alive quiet; fowls, 14 turkeys, 15. Dressed quiet and steady. Turkeys, 12 1/8; fowls 10 1/2 to 13 1/4.
Butter—Irregular. Receipts, 6,285; Process, second to special, 15 25; Western factory held, first 21 1/4 to 22.
Eggs—Easier. Receipts, 19,396 State, Pennsylvania and nearby fancy, selected white, 26; good to choice, 23 to 25; brown and mixed extra, 22 to 22 1/2; firsts, 21 to 21 1/2; Western and Southern firsts, 21; seconds, 20 1/2.
Baltimore.—Flour—Quiet and unchanged; receipts, 1,945; exports, 1,711.
Wheat—Steady; spot, contract 96 1/4 to 97; No. 2 red, Western, 97 1/4 to 97 1/2; March, 96 3/4 to 97; April 97 1/4 to 98; May, 99 asked; steamer, No. 2 red, 92 3/4 to 93; receipts, 1,000; exports, 16,000; Southern, on grade, 91 1/4 to 96.
Corn—Dull; spot, mixed, 63 1/4; white, 64 1/4 to 64 1/2; March, 63 1/4; April, 64 1/4; May, 65 1/2 to 65 1/2; 80 93; exports, 120,000; Southern white corn, 6 1/2 to 6 1/4; Southern yellow corn, 62 to 65 1/2.
Oats—Easier; No. 2 white, 58 to 59 1/4; No. 3 white, 57 to 59; No. 2 mixed, 57; receipts, 4,211.
Rye—Dull; No. 2 Western export, 88 to 89; No. 2 Western domestic, 90 to 91; receipts, 1,584.
Hay—Steady; No. 1 timothy, unchanged; No. 1 clover mixed, unchanged.
Butter—Firm and unchanged; fancy imitation, 25 to 26; fancy creamery, 31; fancy ladie, 23 to 24; store packed, 18 to 20.
Eggs—Steady, 20c.
Cheese—Quiet and unchanged; large, 14 1/4; flats, 14 1/4; small, 15.
Philadelphia.—Wheat steady; contract grade, March, 96 1/4 to 97c. Corn firm; March, 64 to 64 1/2 c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, natural, 59 to 59 1/2 c.
Butter steady; extra Western creamery, 30c.; do., nearby prints, 31.
Eggs in lower; Pennsylvania and other nearby fairs, free cases, 20c. at mark; do., current receipts in returnable cases, 19 at mark; Western, choice, free cases, 20 at mark; do., fair to good, free cases, 17 to 19.
Cheese firm, good demand; New York full cream, choice, 15 1/2 to 16c.; do., fair to good, 15 to 15 1/2 c.
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Do You Know What White Lead Is?
Its Chief Use and a Method of Determining Good from Bad Explained.
White Lead is the standard paint material all over the world. It is made by corroding metallic lead into a white powder, through exposing it to the fumes of weak acetic acid and carbonic acid gas; this powder is then ground and mixed with linseed oil, making a thick paste, in which form it is packed and sold for painting purposes. The painter thins it down to the proper consistency for application by the addition of more linseed oil.
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A gunboat picked up the lugger while it was drifting off the coast. The bodies of the missing boatmen have not been found. The soldiers were turned over to Colonel Parker.

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