ON THE LAST LAP

Big Fleet's Departure From Gibraltar a Splandid Sight.

REAR ADMIRAL SPERRY'S ADDRESS.

Gliding Over A Sunlit Sea, The 16 Huge Battleships, With The Geor-Will Be Met And Escorted By The Atlantic Squadron.

THE WORLD CRUISE.

Sailed from Hampton Roads December 16, 1907. Arrived at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, January, 12, 1908.

at Punta Arenas, Arrived Strait of Magellan, January 31, Arrived at Valparaiso, Chili,

February 14, 1908. Arrived at Callao, Peru, February 20, 1908. Arrived at Magdalenna Bay, March 12, 1908.

Arrived at San Francisco, May Arrived at Honolulu, Hawaii, July 16, 1908. Arrived at Auckland, N. Z.,

August 10, 1908. Arrived at Sydney, N. S. W., August 20, 1908. Arrived at Melbourne, Victoria, August 29, 1908. Arrived at Manila, October 2,

1908. Arrived at Yokohama, Japan, October 18, 1908. Arrived-First Squadron-at

Manila, October 31, 1908. Arrived - Second Squadron -Amoy, China, October 30, 1908

Arrived at Colombo, Ceylon, December 12, 1908. Arrived at Port Said, Egypt, January 5, 1909. Arrived at Naples, January 10,

Arrived at Villefranche, January 11, 1909 Arrived at Malta, January 14,

1909 Arrived at Marseilles, January 15, 1909. Arrived at Gibraltar, January 31 and February 1, 1909.

Sailed for home, February 6.

Gibraltar (Special). - Rear Admiral Sperry, prior to the departure of the battleships for Hampton Roads Saturday morning, expressed the greatest degree of satisfaction with the company, was the first to leave the results of the around-the-world Birmingham for the scene of the discruise. He then made the following house and Flynn hurried to the

our naval annals, for the fleet has found itself-been welded into a the time of the accident. unity. An aggregation of battleships irrespective of the power and efficiency of the indivual units is not a fleet in the highest sense of the term until by long, faithful and harmonious work on the part of the personnel, the spirit of the fleet has been developed. That now has been accomplished. The American people have come to appreciate the importance of sea power as one of the most potent factors in the preservation of a just peace, and they should appreciate what it means to have a fleet

like this. "The lessons of the cruise have been many, and it is no exaggeration to say that the condition of the ships is better today than when they sailed from Hampton Roads, in December of 1907. During these 14 ly self-sustaining in the matter of them. repairs. The officers and men responsible for repairs have met every test and the results prove that the ships have been better cared for than when they depend upon the navy

"Enlistments in the Navy certainly will be stimulated by the general Crom, being in right mind, sign this, interest in this cruise and the splen- my last will." did opportunities afforded the men to see the world.

"New standards of efficiency in steam engineering, which means economy in coal consumption and increased radius of action, have been established."

A BARE-FOOTED HEROINE.

Girl Saves Two Children And Home From Flames,

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special). - With feet bare because her mother was too poor to buy shoes for her, Annie sleeping was blazing vigorously when pa an examination revealed that the barefooted Annie rushed through the leg was only badly bruised. the burning bed and carried him to safety. Again she dashed into the blazing room and led out another brother, six years old, who was to badly frightened to escape alone. Then Annie summoned neighbors, who sent in an alarm and saved the rest of the house. She was not seri- modifications.

ously hurt. Alabama Pistol Law Void. Montgomery, Ala. (Special) .- The Alabama law which prohibits the carrying of a pistol less than 24 inches in length was declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court, the opinion reversing a recent de-The law applies to officers of the law, as well as to civilians, and the decision declaring the law null and void was rendered in the case of Lon Taylor, a constable, who an unlawful weapon.

NAVY'S GREATEST FIGHTER

OF A FAMOUS GRUISE Delaware, Heaviest Warship in the World, Launched.

> Diamond State Girl Breaks Wine As Monster Slides Into The James.

Newport News, Va. (Special) .- In the bright, glorious sunshine and balmy breezes like those of an April gia Leading, Arouse Enthusiasm morning the monster battleship Del-Of Crowds Of Spectators By Their aware, the biggest and heaviest war-Perfect Alignment-1,000 Miles ship ever given to the seas, was suc-Off the American Coast The Fleet cessfully lanuched into the James River, shooting from her berth as lightly as a canoe.

"With this wine I christen thee, good ship, Delaware," said the sponsor, Miss Anne P. Cahall, a relative of Delaware's Governor, as she dashed a bottle of sparkling native Delaware champagne against the towering vessel's starboard bow. The ship had already been freed from her braces and had slipped a few feet down the ways. The flags and pennants of the navy, the builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company and of the State of Delaware were unfurled to the breeze from the ship's false tops and the whistles of scores of craft in the river screeched their welcome to a new defender of American waters and the queen, or king, more properly speaking, of all the seas of the world. For the Delaware, as she was launched, was bigger than any war craft ever heretofore sent into the

Although a sister ship of the North Dakota, launched last November, she went in more than 1,000 tons heavier than the former, which was heavier than any other vessel ever previously launched.

SEVENTEEN MEN DIE IN ALABAMA MINE

The Explosion Occurred Just Before the Noon Hour.

Birmingham, Ala. (Special) .- Seventeen men are dead from an explosion in the No. 2 Short Creek mines of the Birmingham Coal and Iron Company. Five of the dead are white and 12 are negroes.

The explosion occurred just before noon, and it is thought to have been caused by a windy shot. The mines are about 10 miles west of Ensley, on the Birmingham Southern railway, and are difficult of ac-cess. The 17 bodies were taken from the mines and the rooms and passages are clear. The mine itself

is practically uninjured. Alexander Bonnyman, manager of aster, although Mine Ispectors Hillscene to render what aid they could promptly given.

"This cruise marks an epoch in and to make an inspection. Officials of Friends of Go the company did not know the ex-

act number of men in the mine at Ambulances were sent from Engley to the scene, and late tonight coffins were rushed to the ill-fated mine,

which was running on short force. WILLS HIS ALL TO JOHN D.

Jersey Man's Only Condition Is That Oil King Find His Wealth.

New York (Special) .- In the effects of John Crom, formerly of Shamong Township, N. J., has been titles existing in Muskogee and Eastfound the following will, duly signed and executed March 15, 1906:

"I. John Crom, do hereby give and bequest all my real estate and personal property, horses, cattle, gold mines, farms, railroads, steamships, canalboats, telegraph lines, oil well, ocean cables, airships, cranberry bogs, cattle ranches, automobiles, and also my castle in Spain: also my castles in the air, to John months the fleet has been practical- D. Rockefeller, providing he can find

"John P. Crom. "Signed in the presence of witness-William Handspring, Spring Williams, William Earlyspring, liam Cantspring and William With-

out-a-Spring. "This is to certify that I, John

WILLIAM J. BRYAN HURT.

In Danger Of His Life In Automobile Accident.

Tampa, Fla. (Special) .- While returning from Sutherland College, where he delivered his lecture. "The Prince of Peace," William Jennings Bryan came near losing his life.

was ridng exploded a tire on a bridge near Tarpon Springs, plunged of the barn. into trestlework and threw the occupants out. Mr Bryan, on the side next Lubowitz, 10 years old, walked twice to that which struck the woodwork, across the burning floor of their was jammed against a rail and sufhome at 1409 Our Alley and rescued fered considerable injury. It was at her baby brothers. The cradle in first thought that his leg had been which a six months' old child lay broken, but when he arrived at Tam-

Spain To Build Squadron.

Madrid (Special). - The Cabinet has decided to accept the tender of Vickers' Sons & Maxim, the English shipbuilders, for the construction of the new Spanish squadron, on condition that the firm consents to certain The amount of the contract is \$40,000,000

Prohibition Astir In Iowa.

Des Moines (Special) .- Representative C. A. Meredith introduced in the lower bouse of the Legislature a joint resolution demanding that steps be taken toward amending the State Constitution so as to prohibit the manufacture and sale in Iowa of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Meredith represents the prohibitory forces of the State, and this is rehad been found guilty of carrying garded as the beginning of the campaign for a prohibitory amendment.

GOV. HASKELL FACES

His Friends of Muskogee Are True To Him.

MR. HEARST NOT BACK OF SUIT.

Oklahoma Is Stirred By The Indictment Of Seven Of The State's Most Prominent Men-Friends Of The Governor Declare He Will Not Resign-Prominent Men Eager To Sign His Bond.

Guthrie, Okla. (Special) .- Gov. the fire. The missing are: Charles N. Haskell, who, with six other prominent men, was indicted at Muskogee by the Federal Grand Jury, charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government, still protests/ his entire innocence.

Governor Haskell, when informed that he was indicted, issued the following statement:

"I have just heard of the indictment for conspiracy, coupled with some of the oldest and highest charactered citizens of Muskogee-men who developed and built up that country by their unselfish efforts. From now on the proceedings will be open on both sides.

Hearst's crooked manipulations will be at a discount.

"I am satisfied the Interior Department has been misled by false statements. I am confident there has not been a dishonest act done by any of the indicted parties, and that good citizens in general, regardless of politics, feel the same way.
"C. N. HASKELL."

Other Men Indicted,

The accusation is that Haskell and his associates obtained Muskogee townsite lots in 1901 and 1902 by manipulating dummy owners and by forging quit claim deeds to the property. The men indicted with the Governor are F. B. Severs, A. Z. English, C. W. Turner, W. T. Hutchins, Jesse W. Hill and Walter R. Eaton.

The first indictment was returned against Governor Haskell, Clarence W. Turner and Walter R. Eaton, and alleged that 47 overt acts in alleged conspiracy to defraud the Government. The second indictment re turned was against William Hutchins and Clarence W. Turner, and alleged 13 overt acts in conspiracy to defraud the Government. The third indictment was against Albert Z. English, Frederick B. Severs and Jesse W. Hill and alleged 92 overt acts in conspiracy

Muskogee is Haskell's home town, and all of those indicted live there, and are counted among the wealthy citizens. As soon as they learned of the indictments, all of them, with the exception of Haskell and Engthe latter being now in Los lish. Angeles, surrendered. The bond was fixed at \$5,000 in each case, and was

Friends of Gov. Charles N. Haskell denied the truth of would resign as a result of the indictment returned against him by the Federal Grand Jury at Muskogee.

Muskogee, Okla. (Special) .- The indictment of Gov. C. N. Haskell, of Oklahoma, and six others was discussed by 60 leading business men of Muskogee at a meeting. Expressions of confidence in the integrity of the indicted men were made, and a committee of seven was appointed to correct what as termed an erroneous impression as to the legality of land ern Oklahoma. Mayor Martin presided over the meeting.

SPECIAL FUND A JUNK HEAP.

All Kinds Of Expenditures Made From "War Deficiency."

Washington, D. C. (Special) .--President Roosevelt's request that the reply to the Foraker resolution, calling for an itemized statement of expenditures made from the war deficiency fund of 1899 be considered confidential, may be ignored by the Senate.

Several Senators who have examined the statement sent in say that. it shows that the fund had been used as a "financial junk heap," that several "junkets" were paid for from stances the fund was used to pay for the entertainment of military visitors from other countries.

Eagle Steals A Child.

Utica, N. Y. (Special).-While playing in the barnyard of her home near Gouverneur, the 5-year-old daughter of Josiah Olmtree, picked up and carried skyward by The machine in which Mr. Bryan parent and child frightened the bird and it dropped the girl on the roof

IN THE WORLD OF FINANCE

Lake Superior has ordered a third pen hearth furnac Another lot of \$250,000 gold was

ngaged for export to Argentine. New York Central's gross earnings in December increased \$351,884 and net profits rose \$878,778. Employees of the United States

over-subscribed stock allotted to them by the company. With but few exceptions railroads report larger earnings than a year

American Car and Foundry sold at a high record price. The company's orders for new work are increasing.

The president of a large steel plant

in this State said this week that business in January was the best in more With J. P. Morgan, H. C. Frick, C. M. Schwab and D. G. Reid off for Europe, with E. H. Harriman going West, and the Rockefellers out of Wall Street, brokers do not expect big doings in the stock market for It looks as if the big he present.

nen financially were taking their va-

ations pending the settlement for

ariff, and so be ready for the great

ORPHANAGE BURNED

TRIAL FOR FRAUD Two Girls and Negro Boy Probably Incinerated.

Boy Of 12 A Hero By Helping Girl To Jump To Ground In Safety.

Battle Creek, Mich. (Special) .-The Haskell Memorial Home, a 3 1/2story brick orphanage, situated on the western boundary of this city. was destroyed by fire. Three of the 37 little inmates were missing when the roll was counted in a cottage on the orphanage grounds after the

Lena McFerney, 14 years old. Cecil Quotent, 13 years old. George Goodenow, 8 years old.

In the panic that ensued when the children were awakened at the first alarm several girls jumped from a third-story window, but it is thought none of them was fatally hurt, though Ruth Roff, 12 years old, was seriously injured in the back.

James Armstrong, 12 years old, standing on a shed under the window from which the girls had to jump, directed them how to make their fall as easy as possible, and caught two of the smaller girls in his arms.

Mrs. R, S. Owen, who with her husband was in charge of the institution, fought her way down the main stairway while it was a mass are: of flames, carrying a 6-week-old child in her arms and with two small children clinging to her skirts.

The fire started in the north wing and spread rapidly through the entire structure. The property loss will be about \$50,000.

B.G FLEEI'S TRIP OFFENDS Spanish Situation Delicate From Diplomatic Standpoint.

Madrid (Special) .- The failure of the American battleship fleet of 16 the larger cities experienced rains ships to stop at a Spanish port dur- and darkness and lightning bolts and ing the fleet's stay in Mediterranean waters has caused an undercurrent

of resentment in government circles. For diplomatic reasons, the government is not voicing its displeasure, but one has only to hear the comments that are common in adminstrative circles to learn that this displeasure is deep-seated.

The ports of France, Turkey, Algiers and other countries were visited, while Spanish coast towns, almost within sight of the ships as they pased, were ignored.

Spain would have welcomed the hope of doing honors to the fleet, seeing in such an event the complete effacement of the last trace of bitterness growing out of the Spanish-American War.

The situation was so delicate, from culd not urge her claims, though James Ardis was killed by flying Secretary Root so that the clause ap-it was hoped until that at last the glass. Mrs. C. Caldwell was also plying to Japanese only was elimi-American government would so ar- killed. The total damage from the nated, making the bill apply to all range the Mediterranean itinerary of storm in Northern Texas will be the fleet to include at least one Span- about \$100,000. ish port.

SUICIDE'S ODD FAREWELL.

Leaves Itimized Bill Of His Account With The World,

Cleveland, O. (Special) .- "The world, debtor, in account with Edward Melian, creditor. To one life, ruined; to carbolic acid, 10 cents; cent grave.

This is all that remains to tell troit. of the identity of a man, who died by his own hand in a lodging-house Buildings and Grounds agreed to a here. The inscription, written on a favorable report on the Rodenberg torn and dirty scrap of paper, was bill to purchase the Oldroyd collecfound on a chair in the suicide's tion of Lincoln relics.

The man who died was not of the lodging-house type. He was fairly well dressed. His thin face was that of a man of refinement.

SAID TO HAVE 50 WIVES.

Harry J. Bauman Gets Indeterminate Sentence In Chicago.

Chicago (Special).-Charged with this fund and that in certain in- having married and swindled 50 women in as many cities of the United States and Europe, Harry J. Bauman, alias Dr. Herman Brandt, was given an indeterminate prison sentence by Judge Clifford in the Criminal Court here.

Bauman is said to have wives in New York, Watertown, N. Y., Troy, N. Y., and Mahanoy City, Pa.

The prosecution asserted that he had swindled his many wives out of \$50,000, and on the witness stand he smiled when asked if his matrimonial ventures netted him more than the amount mentioned.

WRIGHT HAS NEW MOTOR.

Stays Up Six Minutes And Notices Improvement.

Pau, France (Special).-Wilbur Wright's aeroplane has been equipped with a new motor, which has turned out to be a great improvement. The aeronaut, having made thorough test of his machine, brought it forth and made the first of a series of flights before a large crowd of spectators. He was in the air for six minutes.

DAKOTA'S 2-CENT LAW PASSES. Railroads Said To Be Ready To En-

join It In Every County. Pierre, S. D. (Special) .- The Two-Cent Rate bill, as an emergency measure, going into effect at once, was signed by Governor Vessey. It reported that the railroads. through the United States Court at Sioux Falls, will at once seek in every county of the State in which the railampaign which every one expects roads operate an injunction to preent the law going into effect.

BIG STORM SWEEPS

Houses Are Blown Away and Telegraph Wires Prostrated.

SCORE OF PERSONS REPORTED KILLED

Vivid Flashes Of Lightning And A Heavy Fall Of Hail Accompany The Wind, And Daylight Is Turned Into Darkness During The Continuance Of The Storm - Big Buildings Quiver.

Louisville, Ky. (Special) .- Death for probably a score of persons, on East Main Street, and soon spread losses of hundreds of thousands of dollars in property and the crippling structures, two of the largest in the of many telegraph wires resulted between noon and dusk from a series of small tornadoes which swept the South Central States from the Ten- later the clothing establishment of nessee line to the Texas Panhandle. J. B. & W. H. Wood and the shoe The storms were accompanied in store of James N. Waddell. most cases by rain, hall, darkness, of their lives in an effort to gave terrific lightning flashes and sheets the People's National Bank, on the of rain.

Most of the towns where losses

reported fatally injured.

From Rolling Fork, Miss., just Booth, Miss, reported to Birming-In other towns, such as Ennis and many dwellings are said to have been demolished by the wind.

Arkansas and Upper Louisiana rice fields were injured to the extent ville Hardware Company, \$100,000; of many thousands of dollars, while Gilmore Furniture Company, \$50,-the larger cities experienced rains 000; J. B. & W. H. Wood, clothiers, made large buildings quiver. At Chattanooga there was a ter- Bank, \$15,000.

rinc storm of hail Reports from Birmingham state that several persons were killed by a tornado at Cullman, Ala.

HEAVY LOSSES REPORTED.

Bulletins Of Death And Destruction From Many Quarters.

Fort Worth, Tex, (Special) .- A heavy rain and windstorm of tornado proportions which swept over North Texas and Southern Oklahoma resulted in considerable damage in several localities.

At Ennis, Tex., a dozen residences were blown down. Waxahachie was also damages by the tornado.

At Sulphur Springs the storm diplomatic standpoint, that Spain wrecked eight dwellings and Mrs.

BY TELEGRAPH

The House Committee on Public to hell, one eternity. This account by Representative Denby that \$7,may be squared by giving me a de- 500 be diverted for the construction of an annex to the postoffice at De-

The House Committee on Public

President Roosevelt received a report from a commission appointed by at sea.

The statehood bill to admit Arlzona and New Mexico into the Union as separate states was favorably acted on by the House Committee on Territories. amendment An amendment appropriating \$200,000 to enable the United

States to participate in an exhibition at Brussels in 1910 was reported to the Senate. A resolution demanding an investigation of the Steel Trust was intro-duced in the House by Representa-

John Wesley Gaines (Dem., The Secretary of the Treasury will make another call on the temporary depositaries to be paid on or before

February 24. President Roosevelt issued a state-ment reiterating his belief that the Secret Service should not be hamper-

John Norris, of the America: Newspaper Publishers' Association sent a letter to the House committee charging the Paper Trust with misrepresenting the wages they pay. The War Department wants Con-

gress to pass a retirement bill for civil employes of the Philippine government and charge the expense up to the Filipinos. A bill was introduced in the House requiring all ocean-going passenger

ssels to be equipped with wireless telegraph instruments. The scores of the battleship flee practice at Manila show a notable ncrease in efficiency. To defray expenditures for fitting

William H. Taft, a joint resolution was agreed in the Senate appropri-Senator Bacon's resolution establishing the line of succession to the presidency by amendment to the Con-

stitution was reported favorably,

federal building at New Haven.

the Capitol for the inauguration of

centenary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, a legal holiday.

BLAZE IN CHARLOTTESVILLE SOUTH CENTRAL STATES Four Business Buildings Destroyed and Others Damaged.

University Of Virginia Students Aid Firemen To Subdue The Flames.

Charlottesville, Va. (Special) .he most destructive fire that has visited Charlottesville in 30 years wiped out four business houses and damaged much other property, entailing a total loss of over \$220,000.

The fire was discovered at about 4.30 A. M. in the building of the Charlottesville Hardware Company, to the Gilmore Furniture Company's establishment, next door. city, were soon in ruins. The flames continued their course westward, first destroying a vacant store room, the property of Phil Oberdorfer, and

The local firemen made the fight corner of the block adjoining the Gilmore Furniture Company. They were in some measure successful. of life occurred are off the railroads. The two top stories were partially so that news from them has been gutted, but the bank proper suffered coming in slowly. Known casualties only a slight loss, the damage being due mainly to water.

The Wheeler Building, just across Stuttgart, Ark .- Mrs. Garfield and Main Street from the bank, caught a child of Will Story. Mrs. Story is fire in several places, but the flames were extinguished. The fronts of the Sulphur Springs, Tex.—Mrs. James five store rooms on this side of the Ardis and Mrs. C. Caldwell. street were burned out. Just be fore daybreak it looked as if the before the telephone wires broke, flames would make a clean sweep to word came that four had been killed. Union Station, but the firemen stuck to their task bravely and a half hour ham that six had met death there. later the fire was well under control. Five thousand people watched the Waxahachie, Tex., and Boscoe, La., fire, including several hundred students from the university, who aided

in subduing the flames. The largest losers are: Charlottes-\$35,000; J. M. Wadell, shoe dealer, \$20,000, and the People's National

ANTI-JAPANESE BIL! IS BADLY BEATEN

he Drew Measure Fai's By Vote of 48 To 28.

Sacramento, Cal. (Special) .-- After a debate extending from 11 oclock A. M. until 6 P. M., the Assembly by a vote of 48 to 28 rejected the bill drawn by A. M. Drew barring aliens from ownership of land in California.

The bill had been amended at the request of Pres'dent Roosevelt and Secretary Root so that the clause apaliens, but the measure arouse such a storm of opposition that long bafore the debate was closed by Mr. Drew it was apparent that the

measure would be defeated. In substance the objection to it was that it would drive at least \$1 -000,000,000 of foreign capital out of the state and might jeopardize the present friendly commercial re-

lations with Japan The supporters of the bill contended Buildings approved a request made that the State was being overrun by thrifty Japanese, who were gradually gaining an impregnable position as landowners, and whose ernment was trying to dictate to California regarding legislation.

Sensational Speeches. Two sensational speeches were made, one for and one against the measure. Assemblyman Grove L. Johnson, of Sacramento, ex-Congressman, and author of four bills segrehim last spring to revise and codify gating Japanese in schools and resithe laws applying to safety of life dential districts and preventing aliens being members of corporations, made an impassioned appeal for the enactment of the Drew bill. At the climax of his speech he walked backward from his seat to the lobby rail, and, seizing in his arms a golden-haired girl of three, held her aloft and declared that he was in favor of this as opposed to the Japanese menace to our institu-

Nathan G. Cole, of San Francisco, who was elected with the endorse ment of the Uion Labor Party, oposed the Drew bill on the ground that it was in conflict with the state Constitution, that it was inimical to union labor and that it was not favored by the national administration, which he said was dealing with a delicate problem and should supported by the people of Califor-

If Roosevelt Came. Dramatically confronting Assemblyman Drew, he said:
"If President Roosevelt should throw open the doors of this Assembly chamber and, laying his hand on your shoulder, should request for reasons of state, that you withdraw

this bill, you, Mr. Drew, as a patriot-

ic citizen of the United States, would ssent without a murmur. This sally was received with great In reply Mr. Drew, closing his argument for the bill, declared that he had received a letter from the President in which the President state that he was not opposed to the bill as it had been amended at his re-

Killed Stepmother; Paid \$150.

Way Cross, Ga. (Special).-Kinch Williams, a young man who, in November, 1904, shot and killed his stepmother returned here, after being a fugitive from justice for four The Senate passed a House bill years, surrendered to the sheriff and declaring February 12, 1909, the was given an immediate trial. He was allowed to plead guilty to "shooting at another" and was fined \$150. Representative Sperry introduced a bill to appropriate \$1,000,000 for a or nine months' imprisonment. He paid the fine.