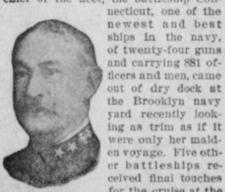


THE sailing of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans' big fleet of battleships from Hampton Roads on Dec. 16 for the much talked of cruise in the Pacific will rank for years as one of the most important events in the history of the new navy. The United States disclaims any hostile motive toward Japan or any other nation in sending this large naval force Into Pacific waters. Japan has said that no exception could be taken to the action of the American naval authori-Mes in deciding upon the cruise. Nevertheless it is generally believed that the move is one of strategic importance and that the successful completion of

the cruise will do much to create a wholesome respect for the American navy in all quarters of the globe. On the Pacific coast the sixteen battleships will be joined by a fleet of cruisers and by other battleships.

The departure of the fleet will be the occasion for a grand naval review by the president of the United States in the waters of Hampton Roads which will surpass any review ever before held in American waters, not even excepting that of September, 1906, in Long Island sound near Oyster Bay. More ships participated in the latter review, but the fleet was much inferior in displacement and armament.

The flagship of the commander in chief of the fleet, the battleship Connecticut, one of the



REAR ADMIRAL C.

ficers and men, came out of dry dock at the Brooklyn navy yard recently looking as trim as if it were only her maiden voyage. Five othceived final touches for the cruise at the and others have been land navy yards. The fleet is composed of two squadrons. 'Each squadron will-

have two divisions, and each division, except the first, which will be in direct command of Admiral Evans, will have a rear admiral in subordinate command. e rear admirais will be Charles M. Thomas, William H. Emory and command of the third division, has eral large cargoes. Some one has Charles S. Sperry. The individual ships of the fleet and their captains of the globe since his entrance to the will be as follows: Connecticut, Captain Hugo Osterhaus; Louisiana, Captain Richard Wainwright; Kansas,

#### SPEAKER CANNON OFF DUTY.

Some Intimate Views of Uncle Joe and

His Ways. Uncle Joe Cannon, who will wield the speaker's gavel again during the sessions of the Sixtleth congress, rather takes pride in the plainness of his appearance. His unusual popularity all over the country without respect to



UNCLE JOE CANNON AS HE IS OFF DUTY. political creed is owing much to his being so democratic in his ways and unpretentious in his manners. The speaker is rarely seen when off duty in the house without a eigar in his mouth. He recently said in reference to a report that he had cut down his allowance, "The fellow who said I only smoke three a day is not exactly a nature fakir, but he is of the same breed." Next to tobacco he is perhaps most fond of ple. The Illinois statesman often jests about his personal appearance and one time was a guest at a dinner given by Senator Depew. It was the day the senators rigged up a "jai alai" outfit and tested its capabili-ties for mischief. Conversation turned



REAR ADMIRAL ROBLEY D. EVANS.

Captain Charles E. Vreeland; Vermont, Captain William P. Potter; Georgia, Captain Henry McCrea; Virginia, Captain Seaton Schroeder; New Jersey. Captain W. H. H. Southerland; Rhode Island, Captain Joseph B. Murdock; Minnesota, Captain John Hubbard; Ohio, Captain Lewis C. Heilner; Maine, Captain Giles B. Harber; Missouri, Captain Greenleaf A. Merriam; Alabams, Captain Ten Eyck D. W. Veeder; Illinois, Captain J. M. Bowyer; Kearsarge, Captain H. Hutchins; Kener battleships re- tucky, Captain W. C. Cowles,

The review at Hampton Roads will include some auxillary vessels, such Brooklyn navy yard, as torpedo boats, colliers, supply ships, etc., thus making as a whole a very at the Norfolk, Boston and League Is. formidable array of naval craft.

Rear Admiral Emory, commander of the second division, entered the navy in 1862 and was one of the officers who went to the rescue of General Greely when the latter and his party came seen service in almost every quarter navy in 1861. His last sea command was that old bulldog of the navy, the Oregon. Rear Admiral Sperry of the

upon the incident, and there was a lot of badinage. Finally Mr. Depew made

things personal. "I say, Cannon, now that the president has resumed jiu jitsu and the senate has taken up jai alai, the speaker of the house of representatives ought to find some diversion-something, I suggest, that begins with J."

"Much obliged, Depew," said the speaker, "but I'm jay enough already." Speaker Cannon recently defined his position as to the presidential nomination, saying that he was not a candidate for it, but that if perchance the choice fell upon him there would be no alternative but to accept.

#### MISS JEAN REID.

American Ambassador's Daughter and Her Fiance, Lord Acheson.

The report that Miss Jean Reid. daughter of Whitelaw Reid, the Amer- The bishop demanded, despite the proican ambassador at the court of St. test of his physicians, that the distin-James, is engaged to Viscount Acheson, son and heir of the Earl of Gosford, brings to light an interesting train of circumstances pertaining to affairs after he had offered his condolences to of the heart. There appears to be no the invalid, "that I am so highly fadoubt, that Miss Reid and Lord Acheson are deeply in love. It is said be



MISS JEAN REID.

proposed for the first time after the ball given at Dorchester House in honor of Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. Since that time he has proposed regularly as aften as opportunity presented, only to find that Miss Jean's consent did not include that of her parents. Mr. Reid preferred that his daughter marry an American. It was only a short time ago that the ambassador to England

fourth division has just returned from The Hague, where he was one of the peace conference delegates.

A fortunate incident in connection with the cruise of the fleet was the leasing of Magdalena bay, in Lower

California, from Mexico as a coaling station. This is set down as one result of Secretary Root's recent visit to Mexico. The problem of coaling is one of the most difficult that the navy officials have to solve in connection with an extensive cruise like this. The department has purchased more than

100,000 tons of MAP SHOWING MAG-DALENA BAY. coal for the use of the ships on their way around Cape Horn and up the western coast of the Americas as far as Magdalena bay, Coal and supplies will be taken on at ports Magdalena bay on its voyage up the Pacific coast it is expected that an additional large supply of coal will have been purchased and delivered there for house in Paris and a castle. the further needs of the warships. It is estimated that over 300,000 tons will be required for the entire period of the cruise. To give an idea of what this means it may be stated that if the

statue of Liberty, which rises to a

height of 300 feet, in New York harry the coal between ports, there will be considerable

number of supply POTTER.

ships, for the food and other supplies for a force of near perishing in the region of the nearly 15,000 officers and men for a north pole. Reer Admiral Thomas, in period of several months make sevfigured that the men will be served with 3,230,000 rounds of beef before they get home and that it would require an ox 250 feet tall to supply the

> was won over by the insistent British nobleman, a young fellow who served not without credit in the Boer war and who is said to be less wild than many members of his set. It is rumored that in accepting him Miss Reid gives a great disappointment to another titled Englishman, the young Lord Brooke. He is a son of the Socialist Countess of Warwick, who was in this country only a short time ago. Lord Brooke visited Miss Reid at Ophir Farm, the Reid country seat in New York state, several years ago, and there was much talk then of a coming international match, but she did not fall in love with him. Miss Reid is twenty-four.

> Ingersoll and the Bishop. Bishop Potter of New York once lay so sick that his life was despaired of, and even his intimate friends were denied admittance to his bedside. One day, however, Colonel Ingersoll called. guished agnostic be asked into the sick-

> "How is it, bishop," said Ingersoll vored when your other friends are not allowed to see you?"

> "Well, you see, colonel, I may not recover from this illness, and if I do not have every assurance of seeing the thers in the next world. I realized that !! I wished to see you again I must do it here."

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