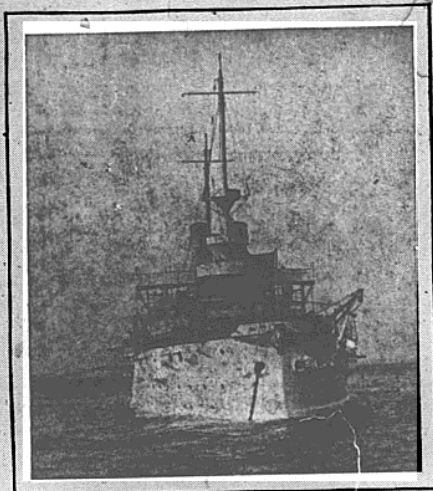
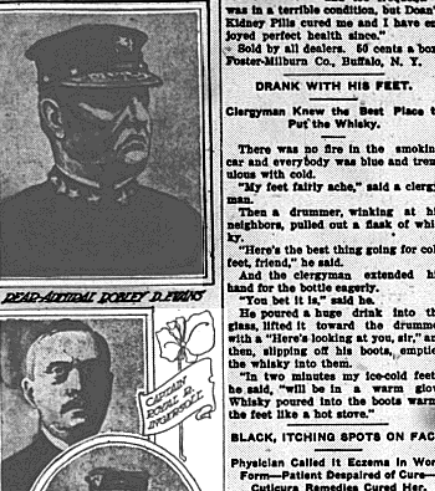
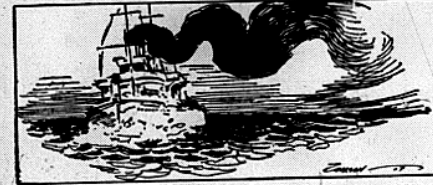


# GREAT FLEET SAILS

Admiral Evans Leads Atlantic Squadron from Its Anchorage at Hampton Roads---Will Meet the Vessels of the Pacific Coast at San Francisco.



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Hampton Roads, Va., Dec. 16.—The departure to-day of the great Atlantic squadron for the Pacific is only another of the many great proofs of the nation's marvelous growth and development. The iron clad warship is only 45 years old, yet, passing through a process of swift evolution to its present perfection, this American discovery has revolutionized the science of naval warfare throughout the whole world. There are now 310 vessels in commission in the United States where at one time, in Washington's administration, there was not one. Of these there are 12 battleships of the first and second class, carrying guns into whose muzzles the country first and only "commander-in-chief of the navy," Esak Hopkins, might easily have hidden his disgraced head when an outraged continental congress summarily dismissed him.

It was in Hampton Roads that the first chapter in the world's history of iron clads was written. It was in Hampton Roads that the nation gathered 16 of her finest sea fighters ready for a trip of nearly 30,000 miles. Where the Merrimac swung clumsily across the channel long ago and drove terror to the hearts of seamen who had never yet seen such a monster, iron clads as graceful and as swift as greyhounds have come and gone all summer until they have become a familiar sight. Among these is the Minnesota, the largest of Uncle Sam's big battleships, and next only in size to the Dreadnaught, which King Edward of England launched with such ceremony a year or so ago, at the Matsuna, Japan's new monster of the deep.

History of American Navy. The first appropriation made for a navy for this country was that of the continental congress in 1775, and the sum of \$100,000 was expected to purchase, equip and generally outfit 13 ships. For the present year, ending July, 1903, the navy will have needed \$115,041,239, an increase of \$5,000,000 over last year. Nine million alone go for ordnance stores. The last appropriation of congress for the building of ships was \$10,000,000, which was expended on two big ships, each of which is to measure 510 feet in length, 85 feet beam, and make 21 knots an hour. Three million dollars was appropriated for submarines of the Holland type, and in September five torpedo boat destroyers were contracted for. Think of this in comparison with the \$100,000 that cost the continental congress to purchase the first vessels. For years the nation had endured the humiliation of paying tribute to these countries, and after Washington had incorporated this sentiment in his message of 1793 the United States still paid tribute, because there was no navy to prove her independence. How-

ever, that congress appropriated \$700,000 with which to build six frigates, the now oldest ship afloat under any flag, and a training ship for apprentices at Portsmouth. With this fleet and his later auxiliaries, Decatur taught the rulers of Algiers and Tripoli a stern lesson, and America soon took her place among the naval powers of the world, a place which none disputed after her victories over Great Britain in 1812-1815.

Quick Work of Preparation. The president issued the orders for the sailing of this fleet on August 23, and since then coal mines, railways, provision dealers, and manufacturers of heavy ordnance and ammunition have known the busiest season they have had since the Spanish-American war. Altogether 25 vessels go to San Francisco, and when all have assembled in the waters of the coast of California, "Fighting Bob" Evans will have under his command the largest, most invincible, the most perfectly equipped fleet that has ever mobilized in one place since the history of the world began.

The aggregate displacement of the vessels sailing is nearly 42,000 tons, and the aggregate power is 644 guns of four inch calibre and over. The four divisions of this fleet will carry 181 officers and 11,500 enlisted men, as fine an array of jacks as any navy has ever known, and an earnest and eager set, too, for as soon as the news of the cruise was noised abroad enlistments increased rapidly throughout the country, and desertions became practically unknown.

The modern wife who puzzles for days over the packing of her husband's grip and lunch basket when he is off for a week's hunting trip can never begin to appreciate the enormity of Columbia's task in fitting out her 11,500 sons for an outing of 30 days, in which they are expected to set foot on land at all. Besides all the stores that each ship can carry when her capacity is taxed to its fullest, there will be two ships that carry supplies alone, the Glacier and Colgate, and they will carry many novel foodstuffs that have never yet been carried by any navy of the world.

Immense Supply of Coal. The item of coal alone is not inconsiderable. On October 12, contracts were let for 123,000 tons to be delivered at the six seaport towns where the fleet will stop. Trinidad, Rio Janeiro, Punta Arenas, Callao, Magdalena bay and San Francisco. It is mined in West Virginia, shipped by rail to four tide water cities of the Atlantic, and when there is landed by five American companies in 30 foreign steamers to the ports named, where it is piled on the piers ready for the battleships. Fifteen of these steamers go all the way to San Francisco with their cargoes. The cost of the coal will be about \$3 a ton, and the cost of transportation will come to over \$150,000.

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