

The Pike County Democrat

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PETERSBURG, : : INDIANA.

It is rumored in Paris that Capt. Dreyfus has been transferred from the Isle de Diabolo to Cayenne, where he awaits a steamer to carry him to a French or Algerian port.

Dedham, Mass., went into mourning, on the 29th, out of respect for the memory of the late Thomas F. Bayard. The flags on the town hall and courthouse were placed at half-mast.

A Paris dispatch intimates that President Faure will resign and seek re-election on an anti-revision platform, and that in the event of success he will at once dismiss the Brisson ministry.

An order of the war department directs that sick and wounded soldiers granted furloughs are entitled to \$1.50 per day commutation and transportation when traveling to and from their homes to posts of duty.

It is estimated that the total hop crop of the state of Washington will be between 27,000 and 30,000 bales. Work of picking has begun, and a considerable portion of the crop has already been contracted for.

Although the majority for prohibition throughout the Dominion of Canada is about 18,000, even the prohibition papers consider it too small to influence the government to attempt to enact prohibition legislation.

Sir John V. Moore, an alderman of the city of London, and senior partner of Moore Bros., leather merchants, was elected lord mayor of London, on the 29th, to succeed Horatio David Davies, the present incumbent of that office.

Col. John Hay was sworn into office as secretary of state on the 30th. The ceremony took place in the president's room at the White House, and the oath of office was administered by Justice Harlan, of the supreme court.

It now looks as if it would be November at the earliest before the next expedition can leave for the Philippines. None of the transports due at San Francisco have arrived, though they may put in an appearance at any moment.

Queen Louise of Denmark died at Copenhagen, on the 29th, at 5:30 a. m. The kings of Denmark and Greece and the princess of Wales, alternately, during many hours, held the hands of the dying queen, who for a few moments recovered consciousness, but could not speak.

It is expected that the French minister of justice, M. Sarrien, if he has not already done so, will issue directions that the rigors of the imprisonment of M. Dreyfus be modified, according to custom, pending a final decision in his case, which is now before the court of cassation.

At the meeting of the American Public Health association at Ottawa, Ont., on the 29th the executive recommended that the governments of the United States, Canada and Mexico be requested to make the Bertillon system of classification of disease the basis of the census of 1900 and 1901.

Complaint reached the treasury department, on the 28th, from a steamship agency at New York, that one of their vessels, the Arkadia, had been refused permission by the Spanish authorities at San Juan, Porto Rico, to unload her cargo. The matter was referred to the war department.

The state department has given its assent, through the American consul at Apia, Samoa, to the return to Samoa, after an exile of ten years, of the former king, Mataafa. It is assumed that this chief is to be made king, to succeed the late King Malietoa, who died about a month ago.

The president has given instructions that all the sick at Porto Rico be sent north as soon as they are able to travel, his purpose being to relieve Gen. Brooke of the further care of the sick, and at the same time enable the men to receive the treatment obtainable in the better appointed home hospitals.

It is stated on good authority that a deal has been concluded by Delaware Indians for the purchase of 550,000 acres of land in Mexico, and that as soon as they secure settlement with the United States and the Cherokees, they will remove there. It is thought that many of the full-blood Cherokees will accompany them.

Rear-Admiral Montgomery Sicard, president of the board charged with the promotion of officers distinguished for gallantry during the late war, was retired, on the 30th, having reached the age of 63 years. Secretary Long, however, by special order, directed that the officer retain his place at the head of the promotion board.

The house and furniture of M. Emile Zola are about to be sold to satisfy a judgment of 30,000 francs obtained against him by three handwriting experts who recently won a libel suit, growing out of the Dreyfus case, against the author. The experts refused the offer of M. Octave Mirbeau to be responsible for the amount.

The numerous articles of mail matter reaching the San Francisco post office, addressed to Hawaii, paid for at only domestic rates, indicate a general but erroneous impression that our domestic postal system was extended to those islands when they were annexed. Except on matter addressed to our soldiers and sailors the Universal Postal union rates apply.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The British consul at Hong Kong has been instructed to protect the family of the Cantonese reform leader, Kang Yuwei, on his way to Hong Kong on board the steamer Ballarat.

A dozen persons, including a number of women and children, slid down a clothes line at a Chicago apartment house fire, on the 29th, and escaped. Seventeen others were rescued by firemen with ladders. Five persons were injured by flames and by jumping from windows.

Japanese advices state that scandals have developed concerning the financial management of two Japanese railway enterprises.

The ultimatum of the powers to Turkey regarding the island of Crete was presented to the sultan on the 29th.

Nearly 3,000 carpet weavers have been thrown out of employment in Philadelphia because of the action of the ingrain carpet yarn spinners in deciding to shut down this branch of their business.

One hundred and fifty men are now at work on the raised cruiser Maria Teresa. They have removed a lot of debris from the bilges, and have got up steam in the starboard after boiler. The other boilers are all right.

The result of the last terrific storm in Japan is thus summarized: Deaths, 250; houses swept away, 164; houses overthrown, 1,195; houses partially wrecked, 11,460; houses inundated, 15,597; river banks broken, 78.

Advices received from Van say fighting has occurred at Alashgorb between the Turks and a number of Armenians from Russia. About 50 Armenians were killed.

Twenty-four disgraced gold hunters just returned to San Francisco from Kotzebue sound, on the Catherine Sudden, bear out the reports of the other miners from there that there is no gold to be found.

Reports received at the railroad offices in Milwaukee are to the effect that the forest fires in the northern part of Wisconsin were quenched by a heavy fall of rain on the night of the 29th.

The entire business portion of Ipswich, S. D., with the exception of one block, was destroyed by fire on the 30th.

Two transports were expected to arrive at San Juan, Porto Rico, on the 2d, for the purpose of taking on board 2,000 of the Spanish troops. This would so reduce the Spanish garrison that the island was expected to be turned over to the Americans as soon as they departed. Gen. Brooke's troops are closing in.

Dr. F. A. Todd, assistant superintendent of the Ohio state hospital for the insane, at Toledo, died at the Presbyterian hospital, Chicago, on the night of the 30th, where he had been several days suffering from an acute attack of hydrophobia. His death was unattended by the terrible symptoms usually accompanying the malady.

Naval Constructor Hobson is making a survey of the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya, which was sunk when Cervera's fleet dashed out of Santiago harbor. His operations are for the purpose of determining what work is necessary to raise the vessel.

The Wisconsin battleship commission have decided on Miss Elizabeth Stephenson, daughter of ex-Congressman Isaac M. Stephenson, of Marinette, to christen the battleship Wisconsin at the launching event, which will take place at San Francisco on November 26. It was decided to use wine.

There are good reasons for believing that Gen. Merritt will not return to Manila, but that, after the final conclusion of peace, he will be given the supreme command in Cuba, with Generals Lawton, Wade and Lee in command of the three districts.

Members of the Chicago W. C. T. U. want ginger pop used instead of wine at the banquet to be given the president there during the peace jubilee. They think the use of wine would detract from the dignity of the occasion; and that the president of the United States could be toasted more appropriately with pop or mineral water.

Hawaii is to come into the United States as a territory, with all the government machinery of an embryo state, according to the plans reached by the American commission, recently returned from its visit to the islands.

Humiliated by the knowledge that he had been supplanted by another, and believing himself forever disgraced his profession, Scott Ingila, leading actor of Julia Arthur's company, killed himself in New York by sending a bullet into his heart.

The army investigation commission, on the 30th, decided to call upon the editors of various newspapers that have published specific stories of abuses and maladministration to furnish such information as they may possess in substantiation of the charges.

The Epworth league of the Methodist church south now numbers 253, 725 members.

The Madrid Nacional boldly advocates the giving up by Spain of the Philippines. This attitude is also taken by many of the leading papers throughout Spain, the view being that the retention of the archipelago is yet another pitfall for Spain.

The American peace commission has taken possession of its working quarters, a suit of seven rooms on the ground floor of the Hotel Continental in Paris, formerly used by the ex-empress Eugenie. American flags drape the entrance of the commission's apartments.

The Hawaiian commissioners returned to San Francisco, on the 30th, on the steamer Gaelic. Little in regard to their work in the islands and their probable recommendations could be learned, although they were willing to talk of the beauties of the island, and their kind and enthusiastic reception by the islanders.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Savannah, the southern coast and the Sea Islands were visited, on the 2d, by a violent West Indian cyclone, which wrecked shipping at sea and property on land, and doubtless carried death and maiming to many homes. Growing crops were destroyed and the losses will aggregate a heavy amount.

Personal investigations made in the provinces, emphasize the determination of the Philippine insurgents to obtain a specific guarantee of favorable terms before releasing the prisoners now in their hands, and it is certain that they will never cheaply relinquish their dearly-bought conquests.

Herrman Doerring has been arrested in Kansas City, Mo., on information from Sheriff Reese, of Utica, N. Y., that Doerring is wanted there on a charge of grand larceny and for other crimes. Doerring is a German newspaper man.

A duel between M. Charles Ernest Paulmier and M. Turot, of the Paris Lanterne, was fought, on the 2d, rapiers being the weapons used. M. Turot was thrice wounded in the thigh and side, and M. Paulmier was slightly wounded on the lip.

Maj.-Gen. Merritt, who, with his staff, left Manila on August 30, en route for Paris, where he will take part in the peace conference, arrived in Marseilles, on the 1st, and proceeded to the French capital.

The interior department authorities fear the situation in the White Earth Indian reservation in Minnesota may be serious, notwithstanding official reports to them state that no trouble is apprehended.

Sealing in Behring sea, owing to past wholesale slaughter, has already become so unprofitable that the sealers would gladly sell their ships and quit the business if they could see their way out of it.

A convention of postmasters of the first class will be held at Detroit, Mich., next week. Postmasters desiring leave to attend it can secure it by applying to Assistant Postmaster Heath by wire or letter.

A sanitary board, with an American at its head, has been established in Manila. A corps of physicians are superintending sanitary work in all the districts of the city and vicinity.

The transportation of horses to Manila has practically been abandoned.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

The French wheat crop is estimated at 123,000,000 hectoliters, the largest since 1874.

Rev. Henry A. Brown, chaplain of Roosevelt's rough riders, is to resume his church work in Arizona.

The social democracy of America has selected a body of land in western Washington and will establish its first colony within 30 days.

Owing to the overproduction of yarn, the ingrain carpet spinners of the Pennsylvania district have decided to shut down their mills for an indefinite period.

At White Lake, near Forestport, N. Y., a deer hunter while stalking mistook a moving object in the woods for a deer and fired, killing instantly his 16-year-old son.

Maj. T. C. Tupper, who died recently at Cleveland, O., was on the active list of the army for 32 years, having enlisted as a private in the Sixth United States cavalry in 1862.

George Mulligan, a Klondike miner, lost a purse containing \$61,000 in cash and checks in a San Francisco street car. Gripman John Donahue found it and restored it to him.

One hundred and twenty-three members of the sacred college of cardinals have died since Leo XIII. ascended the papal throne, and 67 of this number were of his own creation.

Lady Gay, a noted dog owner by Samuel B. Stannard, died at Mr. Stannard's kennel in St. Louis. The collie was valued at \$5,000 and has taken first prizes all over the country at bench shows.

Dr. G. Q. Colton, the noted American dentist who died in Rotterdam some time ago, had pulled more than 1,000,000 teeth in the course of his practice, and was the first dentist to use "laughing gas" in practice.

Robert Roberts, an English writer on religious affairs, the author of over 100 books and editor of the Christadelphian, of Birmingham, England, was found dead in his room in San Francisco from heart disease.

The imperial Chinese government has granted to the Peking syndicate of London the right to open and work mines and to construct and operate railroads in the empire free from Chinese control. This is the first concession ever granted by the Chinese government to a foreign syndicate.

HOOSIER HAPPENINGS

Told in Brief by Dispatches from Various Localities.

Off the Ticket.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1.—The fact has just been made public that on September 12 Leonard J. Hackney, one of the judges of the supreme court of Indiana, had sent to the state board of election commissioners his formal withdrawal as a candidate for reelection on the democratic ticket. The reason generally assigned for this action on the part of Judge Hackney is that he has been offered a position as associate counsel by the Big Four railroad at a salary of \$6,000 a year for a term of years.

Little Girls Missing.

Warsaw, Ind., Oct. 1.—The two little daughters of Mrs. Grant Randall left their home to go to school Thursday and have not been seen since. All efforts to locate them by their parents and the officers have proved fruitless. Their father, Charles Miller, committed suicide a few months ago, and facts brought out at the inquest go to prove they have been kidnapped.

Had Thirteen Husbands.

Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 1.—Mrs. Polly Owens, who was lately married to William Owens, of White River township, near here, is now living with her thirteenth husband. Mrs. Owens has six children as the fruits of her former marriages, no two having the same name. She is about 50 years old. She was separated from the larger number of her husbands.

College Openings.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1.—The various colleges that constitute the University of Indianapolis are beginning the sessions of 1898 and 1899. Wednesday the Medical College of Indiana opened its doors with nearly 300 students entering. The Indiana law school and the Indiana dental college will begin next Tuesday. Butler college will open Monday.

Praises the Soldiers.

Anderson, Ind., Oct. 1.—In a letter from Quartermaster J. T. Brunt, of the One Hundred and Sixty-first Indiana infantry, to his family in this city, he says Gen. Fitzguth Lee said to him: "I am going to take the One Hundred and Sixty-first to Havana with me as an escort and they will make a great parade in that city."

School Children's Pennies.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1.—The governor has issued a proclamation inviting the school children of the state to contribute their pennies for the monument to be erected over the grave of La Fayette in Paris, it being the expectation to unveil this monument during the Paris exposition of 1900.

L. A. W. Nominations.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1.—The nominating committee of the Indiana division, L. A. W., has made the following nominations: Chief consul, Wallace Sherwood, of Indianapolis; vice consul, Walter B. Hassan, of Jeffersonville; secretary-treasurer, James A. Allison, of Indianapolis.

Fatal Collision.

Seymour, Ind., Oct. 1.—There was a head-on collision on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railway near Dillsboro in which Harvey Bryan and John Lee, of Sparksville, this county, were probably fatally hurt. Several tramps, whose names are unknown, were also dangerously injured.

Not for Sale.

Anderson, Ind., Oct. 1.—The big syndicate which is trying to buy up all Indiana breweries, and has already absorbed almost all, made overtures for the Norton brewery in this city, but their propositions were all rejected and they were told the Anderson brewery was not for sale.

Drowned While Bathing.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1.—Harry Glenn, 22 years old, was drowned while swimming just below the apron of the dam at Broad Ripple. Glenn is a candy maker, and was employed at Canton, O. He came home for a vacation a short time ago, and to visit his mother.

Died of Paralysis.

Anderson, Ind., Oct. 1.—Stephen Funk, aged 50, a resident of this city for 30 years and in business here 25 years, died at his home, the result of a stroke of paralysis two weeks ago. He leaves a wife and four children.

Given Damages.

Wabash, Ind., Oct. 1.—The jury in the breach of promise case of Miss Roxie Anderson vs. Irvin Murphy returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$800. Miss Anderson sued for \$5,000 damages.

Branch Railroad.

Anderson, Ind., Oct. 1.—First steps have been taken by business men of Gaston to secure the construction of an extension of the Gas Belt electric railway to Hartford City via Gaston and Gilman.

Has Gangrene.

Logansport, Ind., Oct. 1.—Charles Lefert, a Logansport boy who was with Roosevelt at Santiago, is lying in a dangerous condition at his home in this city, suffering from gangrene.

New Glass Factory.

Summitville, Ind., Oct. 1.—The Fairview Land company has located a 12-pot window glass factory here and arrangements are under way for the erection of the plant.

Cyclist Fatally Hurt.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Oct. 1.—Charles Golden, a wheelman, ran into a grocery wagon and is thought to be fatally injured.

Lebanon Race Meeting.

Lebanon, Ind., Oct. 1.—The Business Men's Racing club will give two days' fall meet on October 19 and 20.

A WEST INDIAN CYCLONE.

The Southern Coast and Sea Islands Agala Devastated with Much Loss of Life and Property.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 3.—For 15 hours, from three o'clock yesterday morning until six o'clock last night, Savannah was in the grasp of a West Indian cyclone. During that time the wind blew steadily from 50 to 70 miles an hour. While the city escaped with comparatively little damage, the loss of property among the Sea Islands of the Georgia and South Carolina coasts is believed to be heavy. For miles in every direction around Savannah the lowlands along the rivers are submerged. Only one fatality has so far been reported—the drowning of a negro while attempting to reach the mainland from a small island near Thunderbolt—but heavy loss of life is feared on the South Carolina Sea Islands, where such fearful loss of life occurred during the great tidal storm of 1893. The conditions now are similar to those during that storm. Owing to the submerged country and the isolated location of the islands, no news can be had from them until the water subsides.

The Entire Country Submerged.

For eight miles north of Savannah the entire country is a lake, with only the hemlocks visible. At noon the water was eight feet above the highest tide. Driven on shore by the north-east storm it filled up on the islands swept over banks and dams, carrying away the remnant of the rice crop that was left by the August storm and had not been gathered, and wiping out farm crops. The loss to rice growers alone will be from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Of the entire rice crop along the Savannah river, valued at \$250,000, all but about fifteen per cent. was lost in this and the preceding storm. The damage to shipping is considerable. The schooner Governor Ames, which was on her way to sea with a cargo of 1,500,000 feet of lumber, went adrift in the harbor but was secured safely. The wharves at the quarantine station at the entrance to the river here, were partially carried away. The quarantine officer and his family and servants were rescued by a tug. Four vessels which were at anchor at the station, were torn from their moorings and driven into the marshes. Three of these were the British schooner Syanara, bound for St. John, N. B., the American schooner Milleville, N. J., the Fannie Child, for Boston, all lumber laden, and the Italian bark Franklin. How badly these vessels are damaged is unknown. No news has been received from Tybee island since early in the morning and nothing is known of the damage there.

Boat-Houses and Hundreds of Boats Carried Away.

At Thunderbolt and Isle of Hope, suburbs of Savannah, all the boat-houses on the banks and hundreds of small boats were carried away. The extent to which the railroads suffered is not fully known. The naval stores and cotton and lumber yards of the Plant system are submerged, and the tracks of the Central railroad of Georgia and Georgia & Alabama railroad, around the city, are covered. The north-bound express on the F. C. & P. railroad, due here from Florida at noon, has not yet arrived. Telegraph wires, except one wire over the Western Union lines, are down and the condition of the railroad track sunken.

Extent of the Storm Unknown.

The extent of the storm is unknown and until telegraphic communication is restored or news is received from the country between Savannah and Jacksonville, over which the heaviest part of the storm passed, the full extent of its damage cannot be told.

MINERS TAKE THE TOWN.

They Corral the Negro Miners and Attempt to Drive Them Away—They Defy the Police.

Washington, Ind., Oct. 2.—This city is in a state of excitement to-night. One hundred and fifty coal miners from Pana, Ill., came here this afternoon, and met at the Fair grounds, with the home union miners. At ten o'clock to-night they got together and, masked, visited all the shacks where the colored miners lived. About 50 of the negroes were corralled, and, at the point of pistols, were run out of the town.

One negro refused to go, and the miners fired on him. He has not been found. The police could do nothing. One policeman, Anderson Cannon, went up to the mob and demanded of them to disperse. They answered by covering him with 25 or 30 pistols.

The masked miners took the town. Chief of Police Call turned in the fire alarm, and called out the citizens to assist in keeping the peace.

At this hour of night the streets are covered with people. The masked men have hidden themselves, possibly to make an attack on other negro shacks. There are about fifty negroes who declare they will die before they leave town.

Want to Secure a Military Camp for Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Oct. 3.—Congressmen Brownell and Shattuck yesterday accompanied a committee of the Cincinnati chamber of commerce to Washington to present to the war department a proposition to make a military camp out of Oakley Park suitable for five or six thousand troops. It was desired to have Senator Foraker accompany the party, but the senator was compelled to leave Saturday night for Washington. Senator Foraker will reach New York to-day.

THE BATTLESHIP ILLINOIS.

Some Idea of the Vessel Just Launched and Christened at Newport News, Va.

THE BIGGEST BATTLESHIP IN THE NAVY.

She Will Differ from Some of the Present Battleships in Having a Much Higher Freeboard, Which is Expected to Enhance Her Seagoing Powers—Her Dimensions, Battery, Etc.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Next Tuesday, at 11 o'clock, there will glide off the ways at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding Co., the biggest, most powerful and probably the most generally effective battleship in the United States navy. This will be the Illinois, which is expected by the naval designers to be a worthy godchild of the state whose name she bears. Larger by a thousand tons than the Oregon; larger than the Iowa, now the biggest battleship in service, the Illinois is so designed that she will be able to enter any harbor open to the smaller battleships, while in the matter of speed she will rank with any of them.

The Most Striking Difference.

The most striking difference between the Illinois and the battleships now in service, is the high free board of the former, enabling her to fight her guns from their great elevation above the water in seas so heavy that the guns of the lower vessel would be submerged and useless. Splendid seagoing powers are also expected to result from this increased freeboard, by which is meant the height of the hull above the water line.

Some of the details of the great ship which vary in many important particulars from the existing types, are given in the following description prepared by Chief Constructor Hichborn:

Her General Dimensions.

The dimensions of the Illinois are as follows: Length on load water line, 368 feet; beam, extreme, 72 feet 2 1/2 inches; draft on normal displacement of 11,325 tons, 23 feet 6 inches. Maximum displacement, all ammunition and stores on board, 12,325 tons; maximum indicated horse power (estimated), 10,000; probable speed, 16 1/2 knots; normal coal supply, 800 tons; coal supply, loose storage, 1,200 tons; full bunker capacity, 1,400 to 1,500 tons. Complement of officers, 40; seamen, marines, etc., 449.

Her Batteries.

The main battery will consist of four 13-inch breech-loading rifles in Hichborn balance turrets; oval in shape, and placed in the center of the vessel, and fourteen 6-inch rapid-fire guns. The secondary battery will consist of sixteen 6-pounder rapid-fire guns, four 1-pounder rapid-fire guns, two Colt guns and two field guns. She will carry four torpedo tubes. The 13-inch guns have an arc of fire of 135 degrees on each side of the center line; and the 6-inch an arc of 90 degrees on the broadside, with the advantage of those on the upper deck of a direct fire ahead and astern. Any injury to, or near, either of these 6-inch guns, will be confined to its own compartment, as a 1 1/2-inch steel splinter bulkhead separates each of these guns from its neighbors.

She will be one of the most perfectly armored vessels in the navy.

Internal Operating Machinery.

The turrets will be operated by electrical power, also the ammunition hoists, and the dynamo and auxiliary blowers for ventilating purposes.

There will be some 80 odd auxiliary engines in the vessel, thus adding greatly to the efficiency of the ship, in the celerity and certainty with which the work can be done.

Four powerful electric searchlights are also provided; two on top of the forward chart house, and two on each side of the after military mast; all having an elevation of 25 feet above the water, and commanding a complete all-around range.

There will be two sets of triple expansion, twin-screw engines, each in its own separate water-tight compartment; the collective indicated horsepower will be about 10,000.

The first keelplate of this vessel was laid February 10, 1897, not quite 20 months past, and the percentage of work completed to this date, based on the vessel fitted out and ready for sea, is now reported between 53 and 54 per cent. The contract price was \$2,595,000, and the date of completion is stated to be October 5, 1899.

Fire in a Mine Causes the Loss of Five Lives.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 3.—The fire in the Midvale mine caused the loss of five lives. The body of the fifth victim, Joseph Torofski, was found yesterday morning. All died from suffocation. After the recovery of Torofski's body no further search was made, as the employees had been accounted for. Superintendent Lathrop says the fire caused very little damage to the mine, and that work with a full force of men will be resumed to-day.

Went to Witness the Launch of the Illinois.

Chicago, Oct. 3.—Gov. John E. Tanner and his staff with 200 other citizens of Illinois left yesterday afternoon for Virginia on a special train over the Big Four and Chesapeake & Ohio. Old Point Comfort will be reached to-night. From there the party will leave by boat for Newport News, where the battleship "Illinois" will be christened Tuesday.

Miss Nancy Lefert, of this city, whom Gov. Tanner has selected to break the bottle over the vessel's bow, will join the delegation at Old Point Comfort.