

# THE GREAT FLEET OF THE PACIFIC

## MEN IN COMMAND OF THE BATTLESHIPS

### Striking Personalities of Three Rear Admirals and Sixteen Captains to Whom Are Entrusted the Men and Millions Who Represent America's Might on the Ocean.

New York—With the coming departure of the Atlantic fleet to Pacific waters—waters which may be anything but pacific before the "far-flung battle line" is withdrawn from foreign seas—considerable interest arises in the personality of the men who are to command the vessels of this vast armada.

Who are they, these sea warriors to whose vigilance and skill will be intrusted the management of the most powerful fleet that was ever gathered under one flag, and which is soon to undertake a voyage unparalleled in its character—one that was recently likened to sweep from Brest to the West Indies and back to the world-shaking day of Trafalgar?

There may be no Trafalgar-like clash of armaments anywhere now impending in the path of this great fleet of warships; yet it is fitting and exciting to recount the records of the flag officers and captains, says a writer in the New York Times.

There are now three rear admirals and 16 captains in command of this fleet the honor of the flag. The ranking officer, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, is not only the senior in the fleet, he is the senior in the active service—the officer next in rank to Dewey, admiral of the navy.

The record of Rear Admiral Evans is well known to require no added reference in this story of the fleet and commanders.

Many anecdotes have been told of Evans—the man who has been described in verse as the one who has lived more stories than most other men—himself and Zogbaum recalled could invent.

Here is one that has been included by an old notebook which the writer kept during the war with Spain, and when his dispatch boat was in the fleet that was then blockading Havana.

Many of the navy men had grown restless under the restraint which had been imposed by an order from Washington, prohibiting the ships from firing at the Havana defenses from a fixed point. This was in the early days of what has since become to be known as the "Christian Endeavor blockade," and to many it was a refrain from firing unless the shore batteries took the initiative was imperative, and the navy obeyed orders.

It was at this time that the fleet was chatting most at the inaction imposed that the battleship Iowa, then under the command of Evans, found a morning a historic unknown and as yet uncharted current.

"It was certainly a remarkable current," the Iowa's commander exclaimed a few days later, "the morning at early daylight, instead of being some three miles out, the dawn showed that we were, close inshore and not more than a pistol shot from that new battery that the Spaniards had been employing near the Morro. Luckily, all my men are night owls, and they were all awake at the time and were all sitting about their guns—all except those who belonged down below, and these were down in the magazines and hoping that the Spaniards would break the monopoly by firing.

**A Straight-Out Diplomacy.**  
"Well, we were so close in that there was considerable trouble in turning, going ahead on one engine and backing on the other. But at last we got straightened out and both engines

happ Capt. Richard Watrigh, in command of the battleship Louisiana, is the most widely known. Yet this gallant officer who was in command of the little gunboat Gloucester at the time of Cervantes' death from typhoid fever, when the Gloucester made a dash for the two Spanish destroyers, and the rest is history.

There is a sentimental reason why Capt. Herbert Winslow, whose pennant flies from the battleship Kearsarge, should be in command of that vessel. Capt. Winslow is the nephew of Capt. (retired) rear admiral Herbert A. Winslow, the officer who commanded the old corvette Kearsarge when she engaged and sank the Confederate cruiser Alabama off Cherbourg in 1864. During the first part of the war with Spain, Capt. Winslow was attached to the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis. He was shortly afterward detached and detailed to the command of the Toros, commanding that vessel throughout the rest of the war.

Next in rank to Capt. Winslow of the Kearsarge, is Capt. Samuel P. Comly, of the Alabama. This officer is also one of the old war veterans, having served throughout the campaign on board the battleship Indiana. The Minnesota, one of the newest of the big battleships, is commanded by Capt. John Hubbard. This officer is well known to New York's naval militia, he having been attached to the cruiser Yankee which carried the citizens' salute to the Santiago campaign.

**NOT WAR, BUT MASSACRE.**  
English Sailor Describes Conditions as They Will Be on Sea.

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**188**  
One of the best arranged and most improved lots in the city of Birmingham, Mich. The lot is 1/2 acre and is situated on the corner of 1st and 2nd streets. It is a very desirable location for a business or residential building. Price \$1,000.00.

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One hundred and six acres, 1/4 mile east of Northwood station, on the W. & A. R. R. This is a very desirable location for a business or residential building. Price \$1,000.00.

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Forty acres on the north side of the Pitts electric, at Harris Corners, in Troy Township. Excellent location for a business or residential building. Price \$1,000.00.

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Five acres and 4 good buildings, making a fine home site. Located on the corner of 1st and 2nd streets. Price \$1,000.00.

**209**  
Five acres with good barn on Townsend Street. Excellent location for a business or residential building. Price \$1,000.00.

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Just an acre of land. Ever read that book that says "An acre is a fortune"? This is a very desirable location for a business or residential building. Price \$1,000.00.

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The little farm of about 12 acres in Royal Oak. Excellent location for a business or residential building. Price \$1,000.00.

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About 12 acres, 1/4 mile east of Rochester, 20 miles from Detroit. Excellent location for a business or residential building. Price \$1,000.00.

**215**  
The prettiest lake farm in this county of Michigan. Located on the corner of 1st and 2nd streets. Price \$1,000.00.

**216**  
A new, modern dwelling built with a walk-up porch for his own use. Located on the corner of 1st and 2nd streets. Price \$1,000.00.

**217**  
Farm of 20 acres on Section 1, Troy, 1/2 mile from the city. Excellent location for a business or residential building. Price \$1,000.00.

**219**  
This little place is one of the most improved in the city. Located on the corner of 1st and 2nd streets. Price \$1,000.00.

**220**  
An acre and a quarter, just north of the west side of Woodward Avenue. Excellent location for a business or residential building. Price \$1,000.00.

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Five-acre tract, No. 17, Block 10, Birmingham, Mich. This is a very desirable location for a business or residential building. Price \$1,000.00.

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Two-story house on the corner of 1st and 2nd streets. Excellent location for a business or residential building. Price \$1,000.00.

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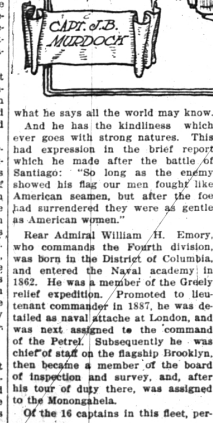
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**THE THING.**  
The sleeper awoke!  
As he did so the full awful horror of the situation burst upon him. The cold perspiration started down his forehead, and he felt that he had been the beads of sweat trickle down his cheeks and fall from the lobes of his ears upon his pillow, but he dared not stir.

As motionless as a statue, transfixed by a chilling death-like fear, he lay there, unable to move. He could barely suppress a shriek of agony; the Thing had moved nearer to his throat. If he could call for help, he might yet be saved, but to make that effort would be to precipitate the end he dreaded. He was beyond outside aid.

He was alone. The Thing moved. If he was to be freed from the incubus, he must make an effort, and make it now. The man determined that he would make one desperate attempt, and that he would succeed.

He recalled that his slow drawing back of the Thing moved. If he was to be freed from his veins should be deflected.

Impetuously, inch by inch, he moved his hands; his breathing stopped. He felt the Thing's cold fingers upon the flesh of his neck, and then dropped it into the soap-dish.

Saved Himself Just in Time.  
Mr. Jenkins—And so you have had two weddings in your family this year. I shouldn't I shouldn't wonder but yours will be the next.

Flores (blushing)—Oh, Mr. Jenkins, how can you say such a thing?

Mr. Jenkins—Well, you know, in this world even the most extraordinary and unlikely things—or what on awfully disagreeable season it has been, hasn't it.

Tripped.  
Guyen—So you think the Drablowers are taking about their extended European tour? They said there were so many Americans in London that many had to walk in the middle of the street.

Guyener—Well?

Guyen—Well, the streets of Venice are a dale—Chicago Daily News.

**BURRO IS A HERO.**  
Jumps Into Raging Flood and Saves Children from Death.

This is the story as it was told to a Denver News reporter, with tears in the eyes of the teller. Whether the tears were those of joy, because of the escape of his children, or sorrow because of the danger that ever has taken place in front of the story, you can judge for yourself.

It is a story of how a burro, an humble mountain creature, saved the lives of two children, but caught a cold in the saving, or was so proud of his achievement, that it died the next day.

The man who owned the burro is Thomas Holland of 2230 Curtis street, and he and his friends vouch for the truth of the story.

Davis and Mary Holland, children of Holland, are visiting friends in the city. The burro was taken to the South Platte river. With them is Dick, the hero of this romance. Dick is only a burro, but he would undoubtedly get the credit of the deed. He was alive and could so Carnegies.

The children are playing on the bank of the river when they see the burro. In neither can swim and for a moment a fearful tragedy seems inevitable. But stop! Faithful Dick, the burro, is at hand.

The river is flowing rapidly, and the children are being carried down stream at a swift pace. But Dick is undaunted. He leaps into the water and swims rapidly out. Seizing little Holland by the seat of the trousers he lifts him so his head is clear of the water. Then he turns and saves the other child. The current he waits till Sister Mary floats down to him. He braces himself for the shock. Sister Mary bumps into him and he is carried down stream. Dick wades to shore with his precious burden. Hurrah! Both are saved.

The children are saved, but, alas! what of poor Dick? The burro is taken ill the very next day. The best veterinarians are called in consultation, but nothing can be done for him. He dies, despite the tears of his children and their friends who are gathered at his stall. Then comes the place for the monument.

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**AN INTERNATIONAL ROMANCE.**  
Gen. Palmer's Daughter Engaged to English Officer.

Miss Margerie Palmer, youngest daughter of Gen. William J. Palmer, is to wed, says the Denver News. Her engagement to Capt. Wellesley, an officer in King Edward's army, was announced formally soon and the wedding will take place at Glen Eyrie in the early fall.

The name of Wellesley stands at the top of the British peerage. It is the family name of the group of Wellington. The late Lord Wellesley was the close adviser of Queen Victoria and commander-in-chief of the British army. His brilliant campaigns in the Crimea rank with the most remarkable achievements in English history.

Gen. Palmer's wealth is estimated variously at from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

The traditions of England have been lived up to by Gen. Palmer and his daughters in their seclusion in the country estate at Glen Eyrie. There they have not lived abroad the family

has maintained an exclusiveness on this side of the water that not even the smart set of Colorado Springs are permitted to invade. It is doubtful if half a dozen families in this city can claim intimate social relations with the Palmers. Like their father, the daughters have remained much in seclusion at Glen Eyrie, although figuring prominently in court functions in English society.

Miss Palmer's fiance is coming to this country in a few weeks, it is understood, and the marriage will be quietly solemnized in the Glen Eyrie castle. It will be the most important social function that ever has taken place in smart society of Colorado Springs and those who will be privileged to attend are eager in expectation of the event.

Besides Miss Margerie there are two other daughters, Miss Dorothy and Miss Elsie. The devotion of the three sisters to their father has been most marked and was generally commented upon in connection with the reunion of Gen. Palmer's old regiment at Glen Eyrie.

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