

"ALL BELLS SHOULD RING AND WHISTLES BLOW, WHEN THE NEBRASKA LEAVES THE WAYS" - Fire Chief Cook

ANOTHER BIG NAVAL BATTLE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN FOUGHT NEAR CHEFOO

Port Arthur Squadron Is Believed to Have Made a Desperate Run for the Neutral Harbor at Chefoo in a Final Effort to Escape Capture When the Japs Take Russian Stronghold

LONDON, OCT. 6.—A CENTRAL NEWS DISPATCH DATED CHEFOO, AT 2 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, STATES THAT A BIG NAVAL BATTLE IS PROCEEDING OUTSIDE OF THE HARBOR AT CHEFOO. IT IS THOUGHT THE PORT ARTHUR FLEET MADE A SORTIE TO REACH THE CHEFOO HARBOR AND THAT THE RUSSIANS ENCOUNTERED THE JAPANESE SQUADRON.

A LATER DISPATCH FROM CHEFOO STATED THAT THE SOUNDS OF FIRING AT SEA, WHICH WERE ACCOMPANIED BY FLASHES LIKE THAT OF BURSTING SHELLS, CEASED AT 4 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.

REPORT CREDITED IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 6.—The Chefoo reports of another big naval battle are given considerable credence in diplomatic circles here. If true, it presages the early fall of the Russian stronghold. If the port is about to be taken, it is believed the Russian ships in desperation were forced to make a sortie and a run for the nearest neutral harbor, which is Chefoo. In case they reached the neutral port the ships would escape the ignominy of being captured and they could be dismantled and saved to Russia, although they might be out of commission until the end of the war.

BELIEVED IN ST. PETERSBURG TO BE TRUE

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 6.—It is rumored that the Port Arthur fleet has made a sortie from the harbor and has engaged the Japanese squadron.

There is considerable commotion at the war office, where dispatches have been received, but no confirmation of the report is yet obtainable.

All St. Petersburg believes, however, that the Port Arthur fleet has made another dash for the open sea, or for the nearest neutral port, and that the Japanese fleet is endeavoring to prevent the Russians from escaping.

FIRED ON BRITISH STEAMER

CHEFOO, Oct. 6.—The British steamer Chenan, which has just arrived from Taku, reports that last night, when sixty miles west of the Matsuo Islands, a Japanese cruiser fired a shot which narrowly missed striking the vessel. The steamer was then boarded, but released.

HENRY WARD BEECHER'S SON ASKS FOR DIVORCE

FORMER RESIDENT OF BROOKLYN, N. Y., BRINGS SUIT IN KING COUNTY COURT AGAINST HIS WIFE, WHO IS STILL IN THE EAST—DESERTION IS ALLEGED

Henry B. Beecher, son of the late Henry Ward Beecher, the noted pulpit orator, and nephew of Harriet Beecher Stowe, the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," has instituted divorce proceedings in the superior court of this county against his wife, Mrs. H. B. Beecher, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The ground alleged is desertion for five years.

Mr. Beecher, who is a middle-aged man and has children grown, came to the Pacific coast five years ago. During the past year he has established a legal residence in Seattle for the purpose, it is said, of securing a divorce and, if possible, avoiding any publicity. He has made every effort to conceal his identity, but it was discovered yesterday.

The divorce complaint filed is devoid of sensationalism and the title of the suit is "H. B. Beecher vs. H. B. Beecher." There is absolutely nothing in the papers to show that the plaintiff is the son of a distinguished father.

In his complaint Mr. Beecher alleges that when he came to the Pacific coast his wife refused to come with him, or to follow him here, but remained in their home at Brooklyn much against his will. He claims that he does not know her exact whereabouts, not having heard from her for some time and the service of the complaint was by publication of the summons.

Mrs. Beecher has so far made no appearance in the case and an order of default was recently entered. Advice from New York, however, state that Mrs. Beecher is aware of her

WANT THEIR LIBERTY

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) MANILA, Oct. 6.—Flery orators will speak at a mass meeting of Filipinos Sunday, called for the purpose of advocating the independence of the islands. The call for the meeting says: "It would be inexplicable, even

iff in the divorce suit is the son of the great preacher. Mr. and Mrs. Beecher were married in Brooklyn in 1878, and, it is understood, lived happily together during the greater part of their married life. In the divorce complaint Mr. Beecher alleges that there is no community property and that the children are all adults.

Mr. Beecher has been very ill since he has been living in Seattle and has not engaged in business. Captain Herbert F. Beecher, a well known merchant of Port Townsend, is his brother.

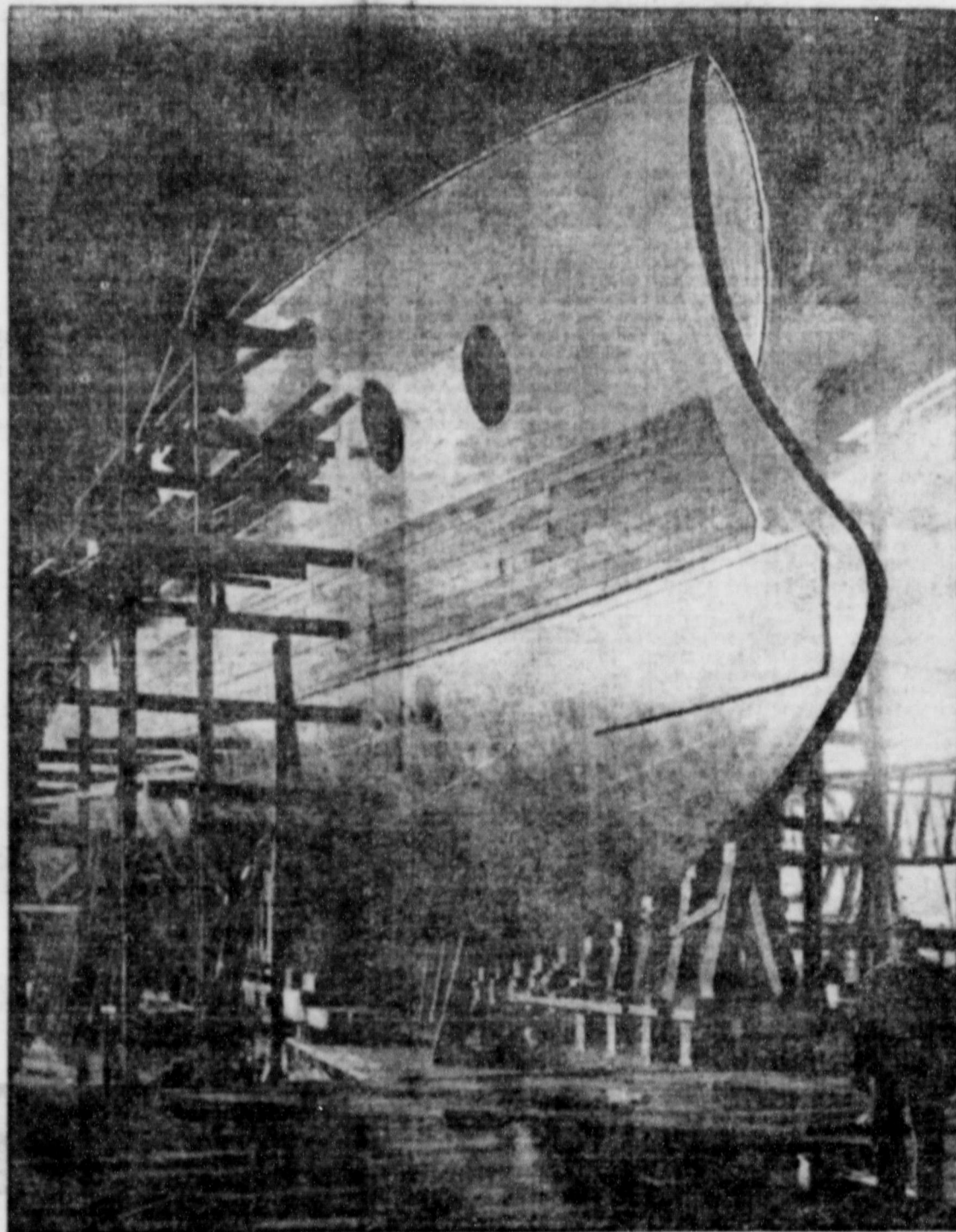
H. B. Beecher is said to resemble his father greatly, and was Mrs. Stowe's favorite nephew. Beecher has made many friends in Seattle, but few knew that he is the son of Henry Ward Beecher.

The divorce suit will probably be tried at an early date, unless Mrs. Beecher decides to contest it, when the hearing will necessarily have to be postponed to give her time to get evidence against her husband. It is understood that she also will allege desertion if she resists the suit.

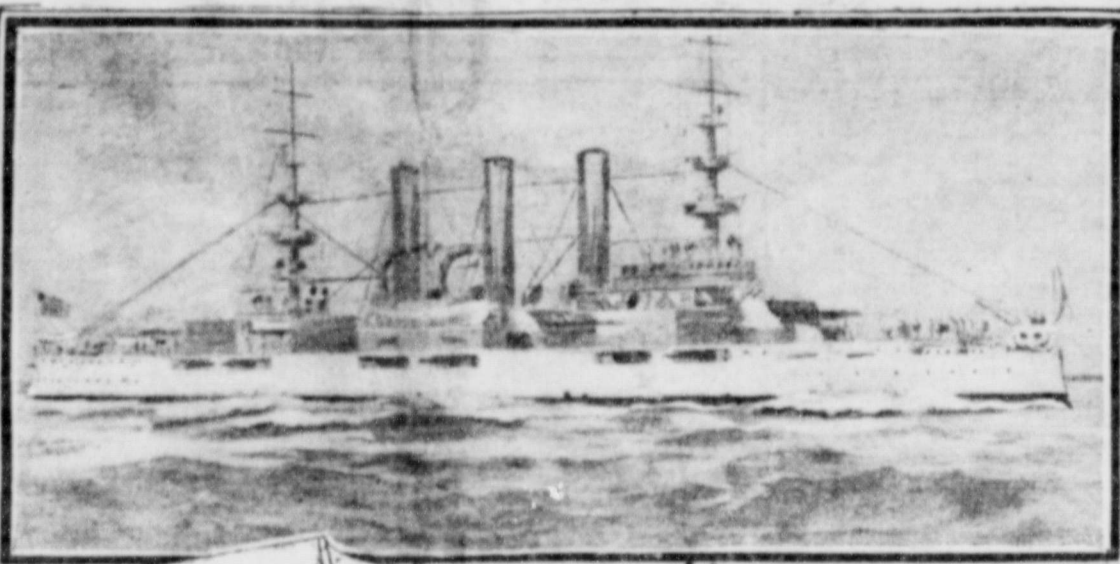
improper, for Filipinos to fold their arms and remain passive at a time when the very best elements of American society are working ardently in order that our native land may attain its ambition.

The government will not interfere with the meeting. DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 6.—Fire this morning burned the best part of the business section of this city. The loss will probably reach \$100,000.

THE NEBRASKA'S BOW



The above cut shows the massive bow of Uncle Sam's new sea fighter, which will be launched from Moran Bros. company shipyards tomorrow. The magnificent height of the Nebraska may be grasped by comparing her height with that of the man in the foreground.



HOW THE BIG BATTLESHIP NEBRASKA WILL LOOK WHEN COMPLETED.

EXCITING SLIDE

AN ALASKA INDIAN NEARLY KILLED IN BAD LANDSLIDE AT CHILCAT

Joe Johnson, an Indian, had a miraculous escape from a violent death during a landslide which occurred in the mountains west of Chilcat, Alaska, last Thursday afternoon. Johnson, accompanied by Ed McRay, a white man, was hunting for deer. At the time the landslide occurred the men were about 200 yards apart, and some 500 or 600 feet up the side of a mountain.

ward the spot where the bear was supposed to be hiding, a huge mass of earth, rocks and trees, becoming loosened from some cause or other, crashed down the mountain side. The Indian was caught before he had time to think what had happened.

In attempting to save himself, he had climbed a few feet up a tree, thinking in this manner to keep from being buried. The avalanche, however, tore the tree up by the roots as if it was a toothpick, and tree, Indian and bear were hurled down the mountain side at a terrific pace. McRay, from where he was standing, spell-bound by the spectacle, could plainly see the Indian still clinging to the trunk of the tree, swept down the steep slope.

Fortune seemed to intervene on behalf of the Siwash, for the tree, with its roots embedded in the mass of earth, slid down the mountain side at an angle of about 45 degrees. But little timber was growing at the point where the slide occurred, or the Indian would surely have been buried had his primal totemism run up against any solid obstruction. McRay, in telling of the incident, says he was so astounded by the sight, that the Indian had reached

the bottom of the basin before he could collect his wits. Hastening down the mountain, he came upon the Siwash quietly squatting on a big rock nursing his shins. Other than a bad cut on his left leg just below the knee, a bad bruise on his right leg and the loss of a pair of trousers, which were torn to ribbons, the Indian was uninjured as the result of the incident.

The story was brought down on the steamer Humboldt, which arrived in port this morning.

FIFTY KILLED

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) BERLIN, Oct. 6.—A dispatch from the Russian frontier reports that 50 men were killed today in the explosion of an ammunition magazine at Sevastopol. An immense amount of ammunition was destroyed.

GREAT CROWDS VISIT MORANS

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE VIEW THE BIG SEA FIGHTER NEBRASKA—ARRANGEMENTS FOR LAUNCHING ARE ALL COMPLETED

Moran Bros. company's shipyards in the southern part of the city are the center of attraction today. The management of the yards opened the gates this morning at 9 o'clock and thousands of people journeyed there to inspect the new battleship Nebraska. All the forenoon and afternoon crowds wandered about the place and expressed admiration for the beautiful steel shell that will soon be one of the finest of Uncle Sam's fighters.

Trimmers and decorators are busy at work arranging the final details of the decorations, and ship carpenters are hustling around to complete the launching ways and preparing for the warship's plunge into the bay. The managers are busy answering questions and giving directions to the army of workers who are putting in the finishing touches for the big day tomorrow.

The program has been arranged and everyone is awaiting the hour of the launching. Promptly at 2:13 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the Nebraska will slide into the water and the booming of the guns aboard the monitor Wyoming will announce to the people that the big ship has had her maiden plunge.

CHIEF COOK, AT THE STAR'S SUGGESTION, HAS ARRANGED FOR SOUNDING THE SIREN AND ALL THE WHISTLES AND BELLS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT THE BOOMING OF THE FIRST GUN FROM THE WYOMING. HE ALSO DESIRES THAT ALL MANUFACTURING PLANTS IN THE CITY HAVING BELLS OR WHISTLES SHALL SOUND THEIR NOISE-MAKING DEVICES FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE MINUTES, BEGINNING AT THE BOOM OF THE FIRST GUN FROM THE FIGHTER IN THE HARBOR.

It is intended that Seattle as a whole shall make the day one of rejoicing and every sign of appropriate demonstration be given. The launching party will reach this city tonight and be escorted to the Washington, where they will be guests of Moran Bros. company until after the launching.

Lieut. Van Hooker, of the revenue cutter service, has issued the orders regulating all craft in the harbor at the time of the launching, as published exclusively in The Star last night, and these orders will be strictly observed. It is a matter of safety to the owners and occupants of all crafts that they should follow these instructions to the letter. The waves caused by the immense bulk plunging into the water will be tremendous, and there is great danger for nearby boats.

The program of the launching is as follows: 12:30 P. M. Gates open to the public. 12:30 P. M. to 1:00 P. M. Music. Wagner's First Regiment band. United States Marine band, navy yard. Meier's band. United States Army band, Fort Lawton. Lueben's band. The musical program will include the new "Nebraska" march, specially composed by Prof. Sal Ascher. 1:00 P. M. SHARP. Address at launching platform. Introducing the governor of Washington. By Hon. R. A. Ballinger, mayor of Seattle. Address of welcome to the governor of Nebraska. By Hon. Sam. H. Nichols, acting governor of Washington. Response by Hon. John H. Mickey, governor of the state of Nebraska. Presentation of subsidy to Moran Bros. company by Mr. John Schram, president of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. Address on behalf of the people of Seattle. By Mr. James B. Meikle. Address on behalf of the state of Nebraska. By Hon. P. N. Pratt, attorney general. Address on behalf of the United States. By Will E. Humphrey, member of congress. Invocation. By Rev. M. A. Matthews. Music. 2:13 P. M. "Cut the ways." Christening by Miss Mary Nahn Mickey, of Nebraska. Salute of twenty-one guns by the United States monitor Wyoming. Music. 9:00 P. M. TO 11:00 P. M. Reception to the governor of Ne-

braska and his party at the Washington, given by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. 7:30 P. M. TO 10:30 P. M. Public concert at Pioneer square, Meier's band. Given by Moran Bros. company. Illuminations. The battleship Nebraska, moored in the harbor, will be illuminated by electric light.

It is just possible that Congressman Humphrey will not be able to be on hand and speak on behalf of the United States government. He is now touring the state, delivering political speeches, and it may be difficult to get word to him in time to have him present. All efforts, however, are being made to have the program carried out identically as printed above.

Secretary Meikle, of the Chamber of Commerce, said this afternoon that in the event of Humphrey's inability to be present this address will be eliminated from the program.

Chief of Police Delaney has arranged that all the extra men on the force, besides the two watches that are not on duty about the city at the time of the launching, shall be present at the yards to prevent accidents and also to watch for pickpockets who may infest the place. Every man who can be used at the time will be drafted into service, that all rules necessary to the safety of the public shall be strictly observed.

Assistant Manager Hibbs said this morning: "Everything is ready for the launching. The decorators are completing their work and the launching ways will be ready to-night or tomorrow morning. We are all as busy as possible today in order that everything shall go off smoothly and as planned. Yes, we have plenty of visitors here today and they are very orderly."

"We are pleased to see the interest that the people of Seattle are taking in the Nebraska, as it is the pride of the shipyards and a piece of work of which we are proud. At the present time there appears no reason why the ship will not take her slide exactly on the moment."

Practically all the stores, banks, business houses and factories in the city will take a half holiday in order that the employees shall have an opportunity to see the launching. The schools will convene a half hour earlier tomorrow morning and the children will be dismissed at 12:30 o'clock in honor of the occasion.

14 LOST

(Special to The Star.) VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 6.—News has just been received here of the loss of the steamer Boscovitz, sailing between Vancouver and Skagway.

Fourteen persons are reported to have been drowned and the vessel is a total loss. Her cargo is also a loss. Details of the disaster are lacking.

She Killed Herself

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—From the confession of John Harmsburg, the brother of 15-year-old Minnie Harmsburg, who was thought to have been murdered in her father's barn, near Palatin, Wednesday, it developed today that the girl hanged herself to a rafter in the barn. The boy and two younger children discovered her body, cut it down and hid the rope to save her parents from the shock. Today the brother confessed.