

CITY NEWS ITEMS

Program for the Gala Occasion of the Texas Visit.

Visitors ARE IN THE CITY

Program for Today - Cotton Exchange Has Prepared an Answer to Chairman Burton.

Texas, February 14-It is hard to imagine worse weather than that which prevailed here today. The rain fell in a steady stream, and the wind was blowing from the north and by evening had become a gale.

The first callers this morning were members of the local reception committee, who went out in their automobiles to meet the party.

The first excursion boats to the harbor were started, and they kept plying their trade all day.

At noon the harbor was swarming with visitors. The estimate that there are 3,000 persons in the harbor is much larger than was expected under the circumstances.

At 2 o'clock this morning Mayor Philip called on the Commodore and delivered to him a copy of the following invitation and resolution passed by the Twenty-ninth legislature last week:

Commodore Philip, Commander of the U. S. S. Albatross, is hereby invited to visit the harbor of Galveston, Texas, on the 15th inst.

In discharging this pleasant duty we feel that it is our duty to assure you that the people of Galveston will afford the most cordial reception and the most generous hospitality.

We have the honor to be, with every expression of respect, your obedient servant, J. S. SHERRILL, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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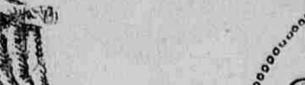
COMMODORE JOHN W. PHILIP, U. S. N.

She was christened amid much pomp and ceremony at Norfolk, Va., by Miss Madge Williams, a native Texan and a granddaughter of General Sam Houston, the hero of San Jacinto, and first president of the republic of Texas.

Miss Williams plays tricks with great dexterity, as well as with humble individuals, and the Texas met with several misfortunes in her early career, but like her illustrious namesake, she has overcome them, and is among the battleships of the great country, which Texas is among her States, and well worthy of the name she bears.

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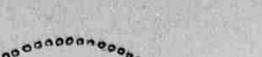
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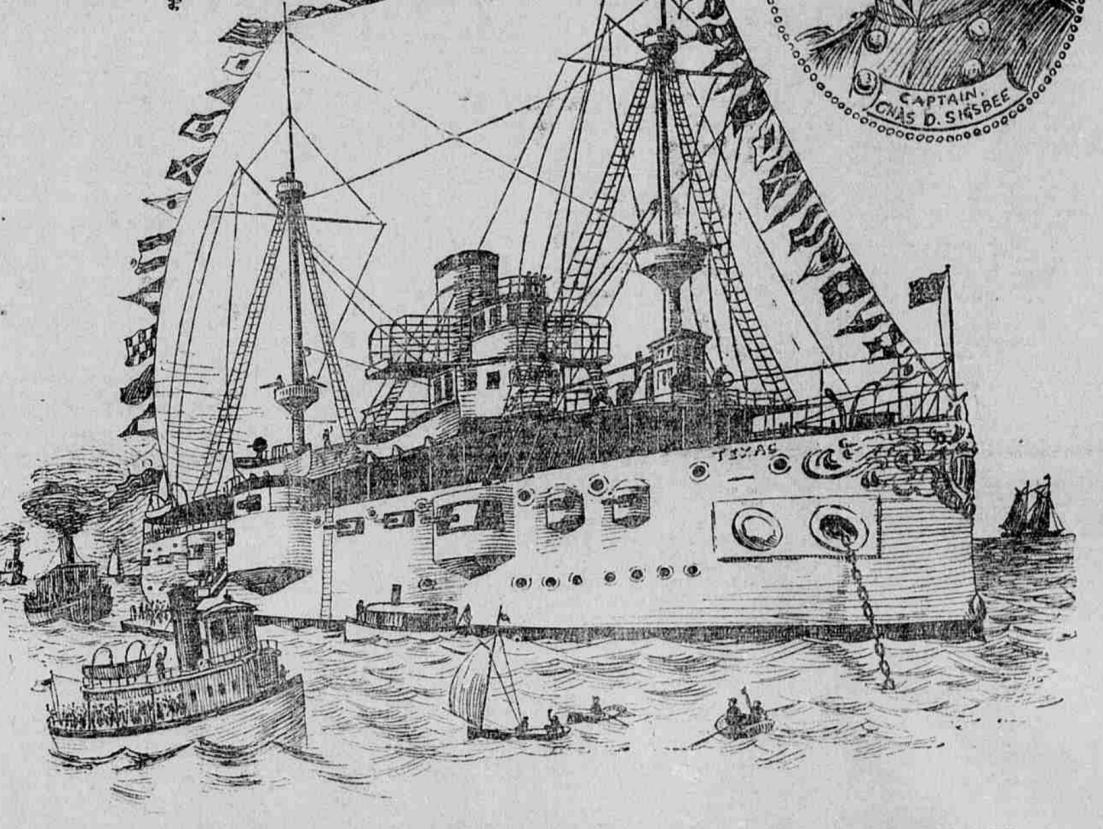
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CAPTAIN C. S. SIGBEE, U. S. N.



THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS AS SHE APPEARS IN THE HARBOR AT GALVESTON.

for the tender to the legislature and myself of the use of the revenue cutter Galveston, and regret that my official duties will not permit me to accept the courtesy. Your telegram has been transmitted to the legislature.

At 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the Bible and sword will be presented to Commodore Philip. The ceremonies will be held in Ball high school square if the weather permits. In case of rain they will be held in Harmony hall. The programme is as follows:

1. Band - "America." 2. Prayer by Rev. B. H. Carroll of Waco. 3. Song by Galveston Quartette society. 4. Introduction of speakers by Chairman Armstrong.

5. Address presenting Bible by Mr. W. B. Paddock of Fort Worth. 6. "Star Spangled Banner" by Galveston Quartette society and Ladies' Musical Club. 7. Address presenting sword by Mr. J. E. Boynton of Waco.

8. Delivery of Bible and sword by Miss Louise Jordan of Victoria and Master Willie Embury of Brenham. 9. Commodore Philip's acceptance of the Bible and sword.

10. Song by Quartette society. 11. Benediction by Rev. J. R. Carter of Galveston. The committee in charge requests the following gentlemen to act as ushers, being on hand at 2:30 o'clock: Mr. Fred Catterall, Mr. C. F. W. Felt, Mr. A. G. Jennings, Mr. W. R. A. Rogers, Mr. Edwin Sampson and Mr. Arthur Keetchy.

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Several dozen white women and negroes garbed in Mardi Gras attire made a tour of the business portion of the city this afternoon, attended by a lot of street gamins and young men. It wasn't the masqueraders were looked upon more as freaks than as persons entitled to the customary Mardi Gras license and salute.

Some of the negro bands took advantage of the day to go serenading. They were dressed in giddy and gaudy clothes, but there was an utter absence of that light, frivolous, good natured spirit that one expects at this time. Maybe it was the weather.

Maybe the Mardi Gras sentiment is dead or nearly dead. LOCATING THE NEW ELEVATOR. James C. Stewart, who built the two big elevators owned by the Galveston wharf company, has been on a visit to this city to look the situation over and consult with the Wharf company people in regard to the new elevator which is to be constructed. He left Sunday night for New Orleans. In a few days it is expected he will be heard from as to what he considers the best location for the new elevator and the character of

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was near, the attendance ran down to about half its total. Excitement runs high here today. PECULIAR POISONS. GENERATED IN THE HUMAN BODY. The Result of Imperfect Digestion of Food. Every living thing, plant or animal, contains within itself the germs of certain decay and death. In the human body these germs of death (called by scientists Ptomaines) are usually the result of imperfect digestion of food; the result of indigestion or dyspepsia.

The stomach, from abuse, weakens, does not promptly and thoroughly digest the food. The result is a heavy, sodden mass, which ferments, the first process of decay, poisoning the blood, making it thin, weak and lacking in red corpuscles; poisoning the brain, causing headaches, pain in the eyes.

Bad digestion weakens the heart, causing palpitation, and finally bringing on disease of this very important organ. Poor digestion poisons the kidneys, causing Bright's disease and diabetes.

And this is so because every organ, every nerve depends upon the stomach alone for nourishment and renewal, and weak digestion shows itself not only in the loss of appetite and flesh, but in weak nerves and muscular prostration.

The great English scientist, Huxley, said the best start in life is a sound stomach. Weak stomachs fail to digest food properly, because they lack the proper quantity of digestive acids (lactic and hydrochloric) and pepsin; and the most sensible remedy in all cases of indigestion is to take, after each meal, one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, because they supply in a pleasant, harmless form all the elements that weak stomachs lack.

The regular use of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will cure any form of stomach trouble, except cancer of the stomach. They increase flesh, insure pure blood, strengthen nerves, bright eyes and clear complexion, because all these result only from wholesome food well digested. Nearly all druggists sell Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets at 50 cents, but sized packages or by mail, by enclosing price to Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich., but ask your druggist first. A little book on stomach diseases mailed free. Address Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

DISASTERS ON THE SEA.

Hopes Entertained that All on the Bulgaria Have Been Rescued.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE A TOTAL WRECK. Two of Her Boats with Fourteen of Her Crew Missing-The English Coast Badly Swept.

St. Michaels, Azores, February 14.-The captain of the American tank steamer Weehawken, which vessel arrived here on Sunday with twenty-five women and children, whom she took from the Hamburg-American steamer Bulgaria, which latter ship was met 800 miles from Azores on February 5, disabled in a severe storm, now reports that two other steamers, the names of which are not known, were standing by the Bulgaria, when he met her. The Weehawken was obliged to abandon further efforts to rescue those on board the Bulgaria, owing to the Weehawken's boats being wrecked. The crew report that there is a possibility that the Bulgaria did not founder.

New York, February 11.-The Hamburg-American line officers here today received the following from the home office in Hamburg: "The German consul in the Azores cables that on account of high seas passengers have not left the Weehawken. I am now trying to get some of them landed and will then cable their statements. I do not believe that the Bulgaria was in a sinking condition. The captain of the Weehawken does not say whether any of the compartments were full or part full of water. All the rest is conjecture. Another boat of the Bulgaria is said to have been taken up by an unknown steamer."

WILLIAM LAWRENCE LOST. Two Boats with Fourteen of the Crew Still Missing. Savannah, Ga., February 11.-The steamer William Lawrence of the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation company's line between Baltimore and Savannah is a total wreck off Hilton Head Island, S. C., near the Port Royal bar. She went ashore there Saturday morning while in a helpless condition from storm damage, as told in these dispatches last night. The crew stood by her for nearly twenty-four hours.

When the ship began to break up Captain Willis gave the order to take to the boats. The sea was running very high, the gale was blowing and it was bitterly cold. The captain was the last man to leave the ship, and it is said that he chose the best boat. Boats Nos. 1 and 2 reached the shore after a bitter experience, but the other two boats, Nos. 3 and 4, with fourteen men, are still missing. It is possible that they may have escaped to one of the sea islands.

Large Quantity of Wreckage. London, February 14.-A large quantity of wreckage, including bullocks, bales of cotton and timber is strewn along the Waterford coast. A portion of a lifeboat has been picked up off Annetstown, which is believed to have been from a boat the coast-guard sighted off the coast yesterday. Unavailing search was made by a lifeboat that put off from Youghall, subsequently reaching Dungarven.

State of Texas Sinks. Norfolk, Va., February 14.-The Merchants' and Miners' Transportation company's chartered steamer State of Texas, from Baltimore to Savannah, went down Saturday night in eighteen feet of water off the mouth of the Rappahannock river in Chesapeake bay. All her passengers were taken off by a tug and brought to this city.

Large Number of Wrecks. London, February 14.-Accounts of the effects of the gale yesterday and Sunday are arriving. Announcements of wrecks overflow the bulletin board at Lloyd's and all both the reserve and the war bulletin boards, and are posted around the walls. This is something the like of which is not remembered by the oldest member of the exchange.

The Edgerton Wrecked. New Orleans, February 14.-The schooner Samuel Edgerton, from Belize, Honduras, for Tampa, Fla., with 17,000 coconuts and 2800 plantains, was totally wrecked on Chinese banks at 7 p. m. on January 29. The crew were all saved.

London Times Advocates the Abrogation "On Condition." London, February 14.-The Times publishes this morning a long explanatory historical article on the Nicaragua canal and the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, advocating compensation for the abrogation of the treaty and declaring that the "American dream" is the loss of us if we continue friendship with business."

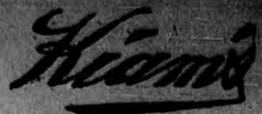
In an editorial the Times says: "Our treaty rights are undeniable and unassailable. We can not be expected to surrender them gratis. On the other hand we admit that while our interests in the canal scheme are large, America's are vital; and therefore, as an act of friendship, we ought to abrogate the treaty upon reasonable conditions which need not be in any way objectionable to the United States."

MEXICAN NOTES. Storms on the Gulf Coast-The Grip Claims Many Victims. Mexico City, February 14.-The weather has been cool here for the last few days and at Vera Cruz and along the gulf coast heavy northerly gales have been persistent, blowing, causing many wrecks among fisher craft and small vessels. No destruction to shipping steamers is reported.

La gripe prevails in all the Mexican cities, some 8000 people being down with it at San Luis Potosi, and fully thrice that number here. The disease is not malignant in type this year, but causes much inconvenience. Among the poorer people here have been many deaths resulting from it, they being unable to procure medical aid.

Hungarian Crisis. Vienna, February 14.-Baron Banffy, prime minister of Hungary; General Fejervary, minister of national defense, and M. Ladislav Lakacs, minister of finance, have had an important audience with Emperor Franz Josef with reference to the Hungarian crisis. A Buda-Pesth paper announces that Baron Banffy tendered the conditional resignation of the entire cabinet on Saturday.

Jesuits Are Anti-American. London, February 13.-The Rome correspondent of the Morning Post, referring to attacks published there upon Archbishop Ireland and Cardinal Ram



Take Warning.

This week may be your last opportunity, for next week will see here precious few of the \$8.50 and \$10 Overcoats at \$5.95.

and about the same may be said of the Suits-good Suits in staple and novelty patterns-winter weights, but if you want to take the pains, rip the lining from the back of the Coat and wear it into summer.

Rubbers.

A repetition of yesterday's sloppy, thawing, underfoot weather will probably be today; men's Rubbers, in any style (no little sizes) instead of a dollar will be..... 60c

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New Wall Papers.

Our new sample books for agents are now ready and we will be pleased to hear from any of our agents who would like them. The new goods (while a little higher than last year) are very attractive and are proving fast sellers.

We will be pleased to hear from dealers who are in need of new goods. We have many ways of assisting dealers who give us a share of their business, and we are always pleased to serve them.

JAS. BUTE, HOUSTON.

polia, papal secretary of state, by the "anti-American party," says: "These attacks seem to be promoted by the Jesuits, and judging by the excitement they have caused, they are bad omens for the future of Americanism."

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MADRID.-El Correo, the organ of Don Carlos, prints a letter from the pretender forbidding his partisans to attend the chambers when the peace treaty is under discussion.

NEW YORK.-A Tribune dispatch from Havana says: General Gomez, it is now stated, will reach Havana on Wednesday or Thursday. His reception in the country is discouraging his opponents who wanted to antagonize the acceptance of \$3,000,000 from the United States.

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