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## Famous People of the Moment

Kogoro Takahira, Japanese Diplomat, Who Looks Like Kipling. Thomas Taggart's Start In Business.

John Burroughs as a Nature Fakir. Captain Charles Polack, Who Was Decorated by the Kaiser.



The expected appointment of Kogoro Takahira as successor to Viscount Aoki at Washington in the Japanese ambassadorship is taken to mean that Tokyo is especially anxious to maintain friendship with the United States. Mr. Takahira made a fine record in his country before as the Japanese minister, and when at the close of the Russo-Japanese war the Japanese legation at Washington became an embassy in compliment to the part the United States played in ending that contest, Viscount Aoki was appointed first ambassador on account of his high rank. But Mr. Takahira is himself an ambassador now, being at the head of his country's embassy at Rome. His advancement to the embassy at Washington would be looked upon as a well merited promotion. He is about fifty-three, is a descendant of the old samurai, is sometimes called a "Yankee of the orient" and is likened in appearance to Rudyard Kipling. His diplomatic record is as follows: Attaché in foreign office at Tokyo at twenty-six, charge d'affaires of the Washington legation, chief of the political bureau of the Japanese foreign office, consul general at New York, minister to Denmark and Holland, minister to Italy, Austria and Switzerland, vice minister for foreign affairs, minister to the United States and ambassador to Italy. The diplomat once heard two women discussing his nation.

The sleep was to be decisive. On the child's awakening the doctor would know whether it would live or die. Well, in order that this momentous slumber might not be disturbed my cousin's wife, going about on tiptoe, muffled everything—chair legs, cups and saucers, plates, the doorbell. And Sa, the noble dog, from his seat on the sofa, taking in the situation at a glance, silently got up on a chair and stopped the eight day clock by touching the pendulum with his paw.



CAPTAIN CHARLES POLACK

Captain Charles Polack of the North German Lloyd steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, who was highly honored recently by the German emperor, is envied by his fellow officers in the steamship service on account of the way in which he distinguished himself. The emperor conferred upon him the Third Order of the Crown in recognition of his skill and courage in saving his ship from destruction when she became rudderless in the open sea and in bringing her safely across the Atlantic and into port. He is one of the youngest officers in the North German Lloyd service, and the decoration recently conferred on him is the second he has received from the emperor. He was given that of the Red Eagle in recognition of his bravery in rescuing from drowning four members of a boat's crew of which he was in command while on the way to save the crew of a sinking ship. For his courage and seamanship on this occasion Captain Polack received the life saving medal of the Royal Humane society and was also decorated by the late Queen Victoria.

### KING OSCAR OF SWEDEN.

A Most Learned, Wise, Respected and Democratic Monarch.

King Oscar II. of Sweden was born at Stockholm in 1829. His father, King Oscar I, was a son of Joseph Francis Bernadotte, the French peasant who became a general under Napoleon and a great favorite with that conqueror. When it was discovered that Charles XIII, who occupied the Swedish throne from 1809 to 1818, was childless, Napoleon induced the national diet at Stockholm to establish Bernadotte crown prince. On the death of Charles XIII he ascended the throne as Charles XIV. King Oscar II. was monarch of Norway as well as Sweden up to about

"The Japanese," said one of them, "ought to be excluded from the country. Their young men come here to school, and no sooner do they arrive than they begin a systematic course of cheating."

"How is that?" asked the other.

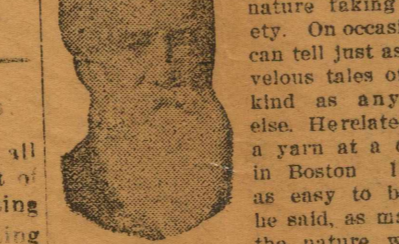
"The examination for my one," said the first, "is so hard that they have enough for two or three."

The rise of Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Democratic national committee, who has been in the public eye on account of the meeting of that committee at Washington, was altogether out of the ordinary. About thirty years ago, when the girls in the railway lunch room at Indianapolis said "Draw one!" it was Taggart, then a red cheeked, blue eyed and broad shouldered young Irishman, who might have been seen turning the faucet of the coffee urn. It was a happy combination of industry and good humor which caused the youth's elevation through the various stages of lunch counter keeper, restaurant proprietor, hotel keeper, county auditor and mayor of Indianapolis and which in due time won him the honor of presiding over the national campaign organization of his party. Mr. Taggart thinks his business career began when he was about six. Of his later youth he relates:

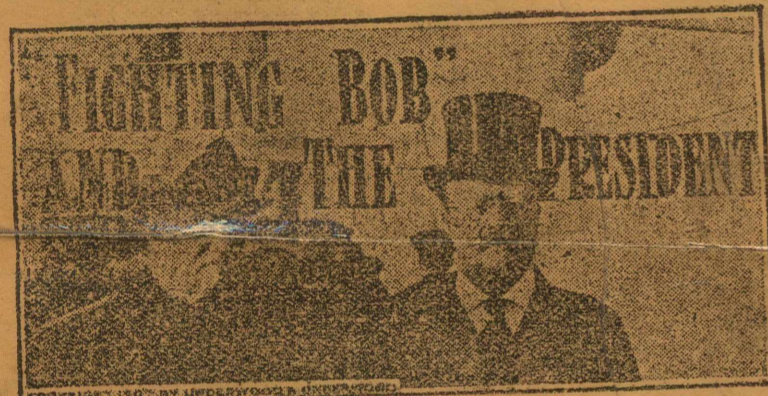
When I was working in Xenia one of my duties was to go to the road every morning to buy flowers for my employer. At the hotel across the way there lived a very pleasant lady, Mrs. John Durand. One day she said to me, "Tom, bring me a flower when you come back," and every morning she would tell me what she would like, but never any thing about the money. My salary, a very small one in those days, was turned over to my family, but I was careful then and managed to save a couple of dollars that I had tucked away with me. With the money I paid for the flowers for Mrs. Durand as long as it lasted. Then I would borrow the money until I had spent in all \$7 or \$8 for flowers, but I was ashamed to suggest payment to the lady.

Things went on from day to day, but strangely enough I never despaired of being repaid for my outlay. One day she called me to her and handed me \$5. At that time it seemed a tremendous sum, and that really was the nucleus of any financial success I have had and stands out in my life as a memory of a very happy time. That day, with that \$5 in my pocket, I would not have exchanged places with any one in the world.

It is claimed by some that it was not President Roosevelt who started the much talked of campaign against nature faking, but the venerable naturalist John Burroughs, the "Sage of Slab-sides." Yet Mr. Burroughs himself has told stories of the nature faking variety. On occasion he can tell just as marvelous tales of that kind as anybody else. Here related such a yarn at a dinner in Boston. It was as easy to believe, he said, as many of the nature writers' anecdotes. Then he began, "My cousin's wife's baby was very ill, and finally the crisis came, and the little one fell into a deep sleep



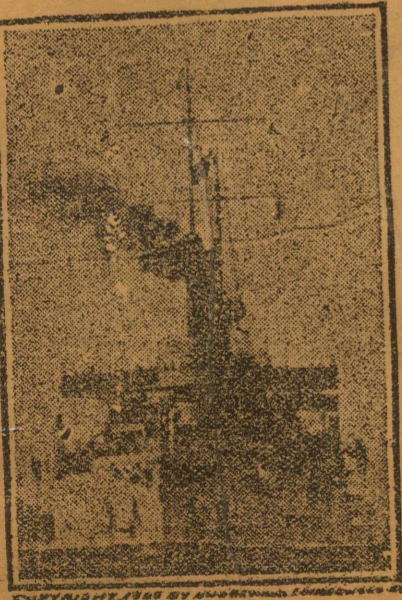
JOHN BURROUGHS



**"GOODBYE, old fellow, and good luck,"** said President Roosevelt as he grasped Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans by the hand and said farewell to him and the other officers of the great fleet now on its way to the Pacific. "Fighting Bob" and his men are doubtless looking forward to the adventures that await them in rounding the Horn and sailing up the coast of South America, but the scene at that parting will not soon be forgotten by them. The grim

some years ago," he said. "I had a Jap servant with whom I was especially well pleased. He was prompt, remarkably quick to learn and took such a deep interest in everything that sometimes to amuse myself I devoted not a little attention to explaining things that he appeared not to understand. A good waiter, too, he was. "Well, finally he disappeared. Some time later when on the European station I made a call on the gangway and escorted us to his cabin. As we were seated he suddenly turned, threw off his hat and whipped a napkin over his arm. "The captain would drink?" he said in a tone I remembered. "Kato!" I cried, jumping to my feet. "The same," he said, bowing. "Captain Kato of the Mikado's navy."

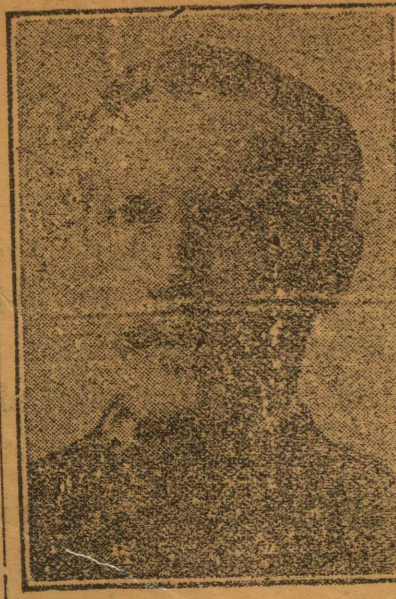
There was great rivalry among the officers of the navy in connection with assignments to duty in the fleet. One of the lucky sixteen commanders of battleships on this cruise is Captain Seaton Schroeder of the Virginia. He is one of the best known officers of his rank participating in the cruise. He was for some time governor of the Isle of Guam, and during the period of his rule he endeavored to develop the public school system. An earthquake came along and destroyed school buildings, courthouses and jail. He tried to build some good roads, too, but met with difficulties again, among them the destruction wrought by a flood which demolished most of the bridges. He



BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT STARTING ON THE LONG CRUISE.

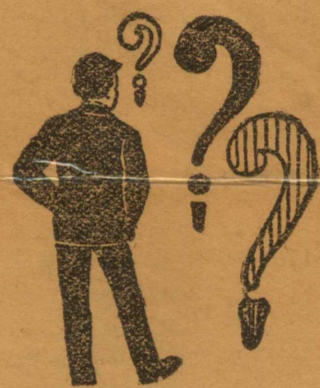
commander in chief of the fleet when he left his flagship, the 16,000 ton battleship Connecticut, and stepped on board the Mayflower to greet the president, the commander in chief of both army and navy, seemed to feel the serious import of the farewells to be over. When Mr. Roosevelt and the rear admirals and captains of the fleet had grouped themselves before a battery of canon and there was some fumbling among the snap shooters, this hero of many battles exclaimed: "Here, you fellows, shoot, fast. I see you need some training at a navy gun."

Admiral Evans has quite a knack of coming striking phrases. Recently he was credited with saying that the fleet in going to the Pacific would be ready for either a "fight or a frolic." It was when he was starting for Cuban waters at the outbreak of the Spanish war that he made the famous remark to the effect that if he once got after the dons he would make Spanish the prevailing language in hades for the ensuing ten years. Previous to the sailing of the fleet from Hampton Roads all Japanese serving in any capacity on any of the ships were discharged. It is a coincidence in this connection that Admiral Evans himself once had a Japanese in his employ as a servant. He once told a story about this worthy. "When I commanded the New York



CAPTAIN SEATON SCHROEDER

issued an order regarding the suppression of disorderly characters which occasioned comment at the time. Captain Schroeder was appointed to the Naval Academy from South Carolina in 1884 and graduated in 1885. He has seen important service in many quarters of the globe during his career and in the Spanish war was attached to the battleship Massachusetts, rendering a good account of himself.



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