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ENGLANDS LATEST WARSHIP

(Scripps News Association)
Portsmouth, Eng. Feb. 10.—The battleship "Dreadnaught" was launched today. This is the first battleship built entirely in accordance to the lessons learned as a result of the Russian-Japanese war. It was built with the idea of being the most powerful battleship afloat. No expense whatever was saved to produce the expectations of the designers and it is expected to revolutionize the navies of the world, who are keeping abreast. The British government was the only one allowed access to Admiral Togo's secret report and was the only government to have a representative aboard his ships during the fight. Attaches of no foreign power have been allowed to inspect the "Dreadnaught."

There is more interest being taken in this new fighting machine than in any since the time the Monitor and Merrimack met, in the Civil war in the United States. British experts believe her equal to any four battleships now afloat.

CLERKSHIPS AFFECTED

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 10.—The House cut about \$50,000 from Shaw's emergency bill. As a result, Shaw announced that about 70 employees of the custom service be dropped and that 350 should be reduced in pay. The secretary was besieged by indignant congressmen whose henchmen demand "get busy" to save our heads.

RECOMMENDS IDAHO

(Scripps News Association)
Baltimore, Feb. 10.—Mary Hutton, of Idaho, addressed a woman's suffrage association today. She referred to the conditions in Idaho and advised girls to go West, intimating that it was a good place to get husbands.

ITALIAN HANGED

(Scripps News Association)
Hackensack, N. J., Feb. 10.—Jerry Rossa was hanged this morning for the murder in Feb. '04 of Demetri Denofrio.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Feb. 10.—Wheat opened at 88½; closed 85½; corn opened at 43½; closed 43½; oats opened 30½; closed 30½.

CADETS DEFICIENT

(Scripps News Association)
Annapolis, Feb. 10.—The officers of the naval academy today announced that 11 midshipmen of the graduating class are deficient in one or more studies, therefore will not receive diplomas Monday. They will be sent to sea at the end of the year to be given special examinations.

Among those deficient are, Vestal Coffin of Idaho, James P. Oldrin of Nevada and Sherwood A. Taffinder of California. Three more of the class are under charges of hazing and their diplomas will be withheld.

Coffin of Idaho stood 22d in the class in general standing, but failed to reach the required mark in seamanship.

THE MEAD TO SAIL

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Feb. 10.—The transport Meade will sail today at noon for the Philippines with a full cargo and members of the 2 infantry.

CHIEF JUSTICE DEAD

(Scripps News Association)
New Orleans, Feb. 10.—Thomas T. McClellan, chief justice of the supreme court of Alabama died suddenly this morning in a sleeping car, while enroute to San Antonio.

GASKILL CASE ON TRIAL

One of the most interesting and peculiar cases that has been before the county courts of this county for many years is the case of the State vs Rufus Gaskill now on trial.

Gaskill was a clerk in the La Grande Drug store, owned by Mr. Forbes. Shortly after his leaving his employment Gaskill opened a drug store at Summerville and being suspicious over missing some articles in the store Mr. Forbes had Constable McLachlen go to Summerville and seize the stock, which he did. Many of these goods are in evidence today some of which bear the cost mark of the La Grande Drug store.

As we go to press, Mr. Forbes is on the stand and swears positively that the goods the constable secured at Summerville are his goods. What the defense will present so far is simply guesswork. The case is being stubbornly fought on both sides. Attorney Finn is assisting Crawford & Crawford in the prosecution and Attorneys Ivanhoe and Cochran are on the defense.

The jury men are, J. A. Masterson, C. E. Golden, C. A. Hill, E. A. Kilpack, C. E. Sherman, M. H. Kirtley, S. N. Bolton, A. C. Davis, Franklin Zurbrick, N. L. Ackles and Wm. Ormond.

WHAT IS TO BECOME OF HIM

In one of the steel cells of the Union county jail is a boy, fifteen years of age, awaiting sentence. This lad is charged with breaking into a saloon and stealing two quarts of whiskey. The crime was committed in Elgin the eighth day of December last, and since that date he has been confined in the county jail awaiting the action of the grand jury. The grand jury found a true bill and the boy has pleaded guilty. The judge is withholding sentence.

This boy has a history which is perhaps similar to that of many who have transgressed the law. His history, though short, is sufficient to demonstrate that the boy is not wholly blameless for his present predicament. According to his statements his case is much like that of "Topsy" who "just grew". His parents, it seems, felt their responsibilities regarding him ended about the time he learned to walk. They have taken no pains to assist him to an education. In fact, their appreciation of parental obligation is about on a par with that of the salmon which leaves its eggs in the stream trusting to nature and the elements to rear its young. Johnnie was brought into the world, offered to it, and allowed to battle with it the best that he could.

In the struggle with nature and the elements he fell. It was but natural that he should. For the past five years Johnnie has practically shifted for himself. He was but human. He worked when necessity drove him to it, and loafed when he could. His parents had endowed him with but an ordinary amount of courage and nature has been sparing with his endowment of physical strength. The result was that he moved along the lines of least resistance. One day he discovered that there were means whereby he could manage to secure things which he desired without working for them. There has been no one to explain to him the "rights of property". He took the easy plan. It was this discovery which caused his downfall and compelled him to spend days and months in a steel cell, with older criminals as companions, and a little white kitten as a playmate. Were it possible for that little white kitten to speak, and if it would betray the confidence the boy has reposed with it, and repeat the secrets which Johnnie has poured into its confiding ear, what a story of heart hunger, loneliness it could recite!

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REUNION OF B. M. U. STUDENTS

The second reunion of the former students of the Old Blue Mountain University took place last evening in the Elks hall. There were just an even fifty of the used-to-be boys and girls, which meant a hundred or more as most of them have married and enjoyed the presence of their wives or husbands on this occasion.

There were two former teachers also present, Mrs. Annie Stevens and Rev. Abraham Eads, besides many of the former officers of the institution.

A short but interesting program consisting of a few of the old time college songs and an address of welcome by the president Mr. J. E. Reynolds, which was responded to by the vice president, Geo. B. Small of Baker City. Mrs. Kittie Goodall Turner delighted those who were present with a paper on "old recollections" and E. L. Eckley reviewed a few of his many difficulties while he was preparing his recitations. He was followed by Geo. H. Currey on "What were and are the results of the labor, money and time that was expended upon the old Blue Mountain University."

After two hours or more of sociality, the hands of the clock pointed to 12, when all well regulated people and the president promptly ordered the doors of the banquet hall thrown open. It is needless to say that the invitation was immediately accepted and the tables were laden with the best of everything. After the first pang of hunger had been alleviated, Toastmaster Turner Oliver called upon Mrs. Susie Williamson to respond to the "B. M. U." "Youth" was the toast assigned to Mrs. Laura Dickey Boynton and "Memories" was the topic responded to by Fred B. Currey. There were several what purported to be notes and letters that passed between the smaller boys and girls, of course the older students did not participate in such recreations, but the toastmaster wisely omitted the names of the writers, as even in those days love was more or less fickle, and the marriage records show that the subscribers of those missives proved false.

After supper a business meeting was held and the following officers were elected:

J. E. Reynolds, president; Geo. B. Small, vice-president, for Baker county; J. W. McAlister, vice-president for La Grande, and Mrs. Hattie McDonald, vice for Wallowa county. Mrs. Hattie Proebstel Eckley, secretary and W. D. Grandy, treasurer. It was another hour or more until the boys and girls put away their dolls and marbles, bid each other good night and resolved to be present at the reunion next year.

TWENTY INJURED

(Scripps News Association)
El Paso, Tex., Feb. 10.—The Texas Pacific, east bound passenger train, was wrecked this morning this side of Odessa. Three cars were piled in the ditch. Twenty persons were injured and several fatally.

NEW REVENUE CUTTER

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 10.—The House committee of the interstate and Foreign commerce decided today to report favorable on the bill appropriating \$250,000 for a revenue cutter on Puget Sound.

STABBER ARRESTED

(Scripps News Association)
St. Louis, Feb. 10.—John Brady, aged 22 years, an unemployed waiter, was arrested and confessed to have stabbed 14 women slightly. He said he did it just because he had a desire to cause women pain.

NOT GUILTY

The jury in the case of the State vs. K. Hirima, who was charged with an assault with a dangerous weapon, on Mrs. Crabtree brought in a verdict of not guilty. There was no question but what the lady was assaulted but the question at issue was, who did it?

BENSON FILES HIS NOTICE

Salem, Feb. 10.—Frank W. Benson, of Roseburg, filed notice of his intention to become a candidate for Secretary of State with Secretary Dunbar this morning.

MINERS STILL ENTOMBED

(Scripps News Association)
Stockton, Feb. 10.—Once more the treacherous grounds in the App mine in Toulumne county has caved, postponing indefinitely the rescue of Tomo Sablich and M. V. Ukotch, who have been in a drift on the 300 level of the mine since Monday evening. The air pipe by which the rescuers were able to communicate with the men yesterday, was crushed by a land slide in the afternoon. This morning the rescue party was so near the entombed men that their shoels could be heard as they dug desperately.

The rescuers are digging a small tunnel to reach the imprisoned men. With the exception of a little soup and coffee sent through the air pipe yesterday afternoon they have been without food for 114 hours. It is feared they will starve before they can be reached. It is believed there is enough air in their chamber to last several days.

Two entombed miners were reached by a tunnel shortly afternoon today and taken out. The whole community is rejoicing. The men say that they did not get any of the food forced through the pipes as there was a leak. They were in fairly good condition, considering their enforced imprisonment and will soon recover.

SEVENTY COUNTS

(Scripps News Association)
Milwaukee Feb. 10.—It is learned that in the new indictment there are seventy counts against former Assistant Cashier Goll, of the First National Bank of this city, in connection with the Frank G. Biglow defalcation. Gordin Biglow, a son of the convicted president, is named as having received about \$100,000 by the alleged connivance of his father and Goll.

TO HANG

(Scripps News Association)
Sacramento, Feb. 10.—Judge Hart sentenced Charles Carson, the third of the Folsom life termers surviving the outbreak of December 1904 to be hanged.

RUSSIAN MUTINY

(Scripps News Association)
St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The crews and officers of a number of vessels of the Baltic fleet, have mutinied and several officers have been arrested.

CLERK IN TROUBLE

(Scripps News Association)
Helena, Mont., Feb. 10.—Upon complaint of Postoffice Inspector Parra, a warrant has been sworn out for the arrest of J. Carl Dowell, registry clerk for rifling the mails.

HERMANN MAY BE TRIED NEXT

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—The trial of the case against George W. Beavers, formerly chief of the division of salaries and allowances of the Postoffice Department, and State Senator George E. Green, of Binghamton, N. Y., for alleged frauds against the Government will be opened Monday, in criminal court No. 1 of the District.

The two defendants were indicted jointly for conspiracy to defraud the United States in connection with furnishing the postoffice with time clocks. It is expected that, immediately after the conclusion of this trial, the case against Representative Binger Hermann, of Oregon, formerly commissioner of the General Land Office, will be taken up. Hermann is charged with destroying 55 letter-press copybooks containing copies of official communications written by him as commissioner and touching the business of that department.

LONGWORTH BETTER

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 10.—Congressman Longworth, of Ohio, is reported to have no fever this morning. However, he remains in bed, but his physicians say that there is no probability that his present illness will result in the postponing of his wedding to Miss Alice Roosevelt.

GOVERNOR CUMMINGS ACCEPTS

(Scripps News Association)
Des Moines, Feb. 10.—It is announced this morning that Governor Cummins will accept the membership on the Lawson committee to vote the proxies of the policy holders at the meeting of the big companies.

ONLY CHINESE LABORERS

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 10.—Beginning Thursday, the house committee on Foreign affairs will hold a hearing of the Foster bill which amends the Chinese exclusion law so as to bar out only Chinese laboring class.

A FOE TO PAIN

There is no family in which a liniment is not needed at frequent intervals, and when it is needed it is needed badly. It is important too that it be one that can be depended upon to give immediate and satisfactory results.

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