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DISAPPOINTMENT IN NAVY RANKS

HUMILIATION DEALT OUT TO FLEET MEN.

Rapid interchange of pennants over flagship of the Atlantic Fleet left in command of the entire fleet—Sperry was to have been in command—Sperry's flag droops despondently—Cruisers south Monday.

San Francisco, May 16.—The esprit de corps of the Atlantic squadron has received a sad jolt. There are 14,000 suiting sailors and swearing officers who are suffering from an aggravated case of humiliation as a consequence of Admiral Dayton and the cruiser squadron's withdrawing from the big show. When through with the hauling down of the pennant of Rear Admiral Thomas he became for time the senior officer present, and today the two-starred blue pennant of the commander in chief is floating from a mere cruiser and an officer not identified with the big fleet at all, is running the whole show.

It had been arranged that when Thomas left, Sperry was to be in command, as it was understood Dayton and the cruiser squadron would leave at once for the south. But with the hauling down of the Thomas flag, the blue two-starred pennant of Dayton went up and Sperry's red flag is drooping dejectedly in a subordinate position over the Connecticut.

Now if any officers of the battleship squadron want to do a little social stunt on shore he must ask permission of almost an alien officer.

This has made many aching hearts in the big fighters today. Many reasons are given for the delay in sailing of the cruisers, but the general opinion is that Dayton just hung around so as to take a slight fall out of the battleships and remind the people of the coast that the cruiser squadron is also doing business in these waters. The cruisers will sail south Monday.

Held for Libel.

Bakersfield, Cal., May 16.—Justice Black today held R. A. Crothers and Fremont Older, proprietor and editor of the San Francisco Bulletin to answer to the superior court on charges of libel preferred by William S. Tevis, the millionaire of this city. The defendants gave bail in the sum of \$41,000, in each case.

STEAMSHIPS DISBANDING.

Remored That Pacific Will Be Void of American Merchant Marine.
San Francisco, May 16.—It was

stated today that the Oriental-Occidental Steamship company will go out of business in 30 days. It is also hinted that the Pacific Mail Steamship company will discontinue within a short time. If so, this will about remove the flag of the United States from merchant marine of the Pacific.

Reward for Express Robbers.

Seattle, May 16.—The Great Northern railroad has offered \$5000 for the capture of the train robbers who robbed the Wells-Fargo express and mail car last week near Seattle.

Rioting in China.

Tokio, May 16.—Rioting in Panku, China, is increasing and much property has been destroyed and many killed and wounded.

Government Policy Wins.

Tokio, May 16.—The government won by a substantial majority in the parliamentary elections held Friday.

DEMONSTRATION OF FAST RACING

MILE-A-MINUTE CLIPS TO BE EXPECTED SATURDAY.

Automobile Features of Next Saturday Will Be Exhibition and Demonstration Races Between Fast Cars of the Inland Empire—A Novelty to See Cars Dashing Around Curved Tracks—Special Trains to the Fair Grounds and Back Again.

That mile-a-minute performances will be the order of the day next Saturday afternoon at the fair grounds, is an assured fact. Automobile owners of Walla Walla, Baker City, Pendleton and very probably Portland, will have fast cars here for demonstration and exhibition runs.

The different makes of cars will be pitted against each other in exhibition performances, and that the mile course will be circled in a minute is practically certain. Few realize what it is to see a mechanical device take the sharp curves of a race track, going at the rate of a mile a minute, and the grandstand will no doubt be crammed with excited spectators. The feature races will not be all, as many machines from the county are going to enter in a long list of races.

The auto committee has applied for a special train to take spectators to the fair grounds and to bring them back after the races. Fare for the round trip will be 25 cents. Admission to the grounds will be free.

It is very likely that the auto parade will be held in the morning, or just before noon, to give the owners time to get their machines in shape for the afternoon races.

EVANS THINKS THAW IS SANE

BROAD SMILE USUALLY PROMINENT, IS GONE.

Dr. Evans, Who Figured Conspicuously in the Two Trials Held Over Harry Thaw, Testifies in Habeas Corpus Proceedings Today That Thaw is Apparently Sane—The Doctor Conversed With Thaw Last Night—He Found Him Rational.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 16.—Harry K. Thaw entered the court room today minus his usual broad smile that he has been wearing of late. He was immediately taken in hand by Attorney Graham and coached for the part he was about to play when he takes the stand in the proceedings brought to release him from Matteawan asylum. It is probable that he may testify late today.

Dr. Evans, who testified in the two Thaw trials, was the first witness today. He declared that he thought the defendant was sane. He based his opinion on his observation of Thaw while the latter was in Matteawan.

"I saw Thaw last night and told him he ought to take the stand. I believe that he can convince the court that he is sane, in this manner."

Odd Fellows in Quaker City.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 16.—With the conferring of the Rebekah degree this evening, the grand encampment and grand lodge meeting of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Pennsylvania will be opened and will continue through the greater portion of next week. Many members of the order have already arrived and the prospects indicate the largest attendance in the history of the grand lodge. City hall will be brilliantly illuminated in honor of the visitors and the keys to the city will be presented to the grand lodge officials. Receptions, excursions, dances and drills by the military branches of the order will continue during the week.

RAINS FAIL TO STOP HORSE SHOW

Elgin, May 16.—(Special.)—Rains hold no terror for enthusiastic farmers about this city. When occasional severe sleet storms and almost incessant rains, the initial stock and market day was pulled off here this afternoon and this morning. The judging of stock commenced at 11:30 o'clock, but due to the severe sleet storm that passed over the city at that time, action was deferred until later this afternoon.

GENERAL STRIKE IN CLEVELAND

THIRTEEN HUNDRED OF STREET CAR FORCE OUT.

Cleveland Has Trouble With Its Municipal Street Car System—General Strike Called This Morning and Indications Are That Affair Will Become Serious—Managers Say Cars Will Be Running in 10 Hours—No Militia Needed.

Cleveland, O., May 16.—A strike of street car men was called this morning at 4:45 o'clock and nearly all municipal lines, which is the three-cent fare road, are tied up. A few mild disturbances followed, but no violence has been reported.

A majority of the employees refused to walk out with the strikers, but it is expected that they will do so within the next few hours.

Superintendent Cook of the car lines, states that the usual number of cars will be running within 10 hours. The union men claim that the strike resulted from President Dupont breaking faith with the men. The strike has been threatened for some time.

Conditions this afternoon did not indicate for a while that the militia might be needed, but the present police force seemed amply able to handle the situation. Three arrests have been made.

Figures given out by the union show that over 1300 men are out.

Stone Chief of Police.

The first real disturbance to mark the strike here occurred this afternoon when the chief of police was hit by a stone thrown by a strike sympathizer during a trifling disturbance at the Lakeview barns. A squad of police was trying to drive back a mob when the stone was thrown. He was hit in the head but fortunately little injury was inflicted.

Every attempt to start a car is followed by howls from the mob who hope in this way to terrorize those who have not left their posts.

man to wait on the officials of the Southern Pacific and ask for a reduced rate—a one-third rate was what the delegates thought would be about right.

In the afternoon the committee reported that the railroad company positively declined to give the reduction whereon the delegates discovered that there has been a radical change of heart on the part of the railroad since Oregon passed a railroad commission law.

REWARD FOR MRS. GUNNESS.

Seven Thousand Dollars Will Be Paid for Arrest of Crime Fiend.

La Porte, Ind., May 16.—Seven thousand dollars has been appropriated as a reward for the arrest of Mrs. Gunness, if she is still alive. The county commissioners took this step this morning. Five thousand dollars was also set aside as expenses for the coroner and \$2000 for the sheriff for the investigation. It is not thought that there are many more bodies on the farm.

BOY CONFESSES TO FIEND-ACT

SHOT SWEETHEART AND HID BODY.

Kanab, Utah, Murder Case of Last Month Assumes New Color Today When Alvin Heaton Confesses That He Killed His Sweetheart to Avoid Marriage With Her—Shot Her Four Times and Hid Body in Rocks—Went Home to Avoid Suspicion.

Kanab, Utah, May 16.—Alvin Heaton, aged 18, today made a full written confession, giving the details of how he murdered Mary Stevens, his sweetheart, last April, because she insisted that he marry her, and then hid her body in the rocks in Garden Hollow.

He states the crime was premeditated. He realized that he would be charged with the crime and he endeavored to build up an alibi.

"I met her at 5 o'clock," he states, "and she insisted that I marry her. I begged her to let me off. She refused and told me that under the law she could compel me to do so. Then I shot her four times, and hid her body in the rock and went home on a swift trot."

He then did the chores and made himself conspicuous about the house in order to prove he had been at home during the time the murder was supposed to have been committed.

Conference Delegates Entertained.

Washington, May 16.—More than 1000 delegates to the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, were entertained today by the American university. They were addressed by President Roosevelt, Vice-President Fairbanks and Senator Dooliver. Bishop Cranston presided.

PRESIDENT CALLS HALT ON INFLUX

WILL STOP IMMIGRATION OF LITTLE BROWN MEN.

Unofficially Announced Today That Roosevelt is After the Mikado With Big Stick in Regard to Relations of Passport Agreement—May Become Necessary to Address Sharp Remonstrance to Mikado if Influx Does Not Cease Immediately.

Washington, May 16.—Unofficial announcement was made today that President Roosevelt has in strong terms called the attention of Japan to the continued influx of Japanese laborers and that the mikado has been informed that unless the matter is at once regulated, the United States will be compelled to adopt an exclusion law.

There was a big drop in the number of Japanese arrivals immediately after the passage of the resolution last year putting the passport agreement into effect, but the number of brown men coming in has been steadily crawling up.

As Japan would strongly oppose any action looking to legalization of a policy of exclusion, President Roosevelt has decided to let that country regulate the matter so that it would not suffer any humiliation.

But as the mikado has been slow in stopping the influx, the president feels that it is his duty to call a halt, even if he has to address a remonstrance to Japan.

Norway's Independence Day.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 16.—Norway's independence day, the 17th of May, will be celebrated in an elaborate manner by the descendants of the Vikings who comprise a considerable portion of the population of the great northwest. The exercises in this city, to be held this evening, will be especially notable, owing to the presence of Ove Gude, the newly appointed Norwegian minister to the United States. He will deliver the chief address. An elaborate musical program will be carried out. The actual anniversary tomorrow will be observed by special services in Norwegian churches in all the principal cities and towns of Minnesota, the Dakotas, Manitoba and Wisconsin.

Brutal Murder in New York.

Wikatunk, N. J., May 16.—William Shepard, his wife and Miss Jennie Bendy were murdered some time during the night in the Shepard farm house at Matakwan. Identification of the assassin is not known here. A 1-year-old child of the Shepard people was perhaps fatally shot. The tragedy is veiled in mystery. One of the farm hands disappeared and a posse is searching for him. No motive is known.

Mrs. C. L. Blakely of Union, is visiting with Mrs. J. R. Oliver today.

YOUNG SECOND IN HURDLES AND THIRD IN POLE VAULT AT BAKER

Baker City, May 16.—(Special.)—Before a large crowd, and in excellent weather, the eastern Oregon track and field meet is being run off this afternoon and in the finals now finished. La Grande has scored and Walters of Island City has taken third in a fast 100 yard race. Young of La Grande, is the only man to register at this stage. The winners at 3:35 are:

100-Yard Dash.

Gordon, Pendleton, first; Bear, Baker City, second; Walters, Island City, third; time 10 1-5 seconds.

120-Yard Hurdles.

Jay, Pendleton, first; Young, La Grande, second; A. Means, Pendleton, third; time 17 seconds.

Pole Vault.

Moody and Fisher, Ontario, tied for first; Young, La Grande, third; height 3 feet 10 inches.

Shot Put.

Arthur Means, Pendleton, first; L. Means, Pendleton, second; Enberg,

Baker, third; distance, 40 feet 9 inches.

Finch and White of Baker City, qualified in the first preliminary heat of the 220-yard dash.

DELEGATES PAID.

Railroads of the State Refused to Give Rates to Portland.

One of the saddest features of the republican convention Thursday was when the railroad officials refused to grant special privileges to the delegates, says a Portland paper. In the past, the railroads have been good to the delegates, and those who did not travel to the conventions on passes were granted a special rate.

Now that there is a law against giving passes, every man in the convention who was not a railroad attorney had to pay his own fare. One of the first motions made in the state convention was that a special committee of three be appointed by the chair-

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