

YANKEE WOMEN PRISONERS AT ALAMO

UNCLE SAM ORDERS IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION FOR RELIEF OF SUFFERERS.

WHITE CHILDREN STARVING

Siege on Alamo Carried Along Starvation Lines and American Women and Children Have Been in the Town for Weeks—Dissatisfaction Shown by Lack of Urgent Steps by Officials.

Washington, April 12.—Secretary of State P. C. Knox today directed American Consul Schmucker at Ensenada to personally investigate the condition of the American women and children imprisoned at Alamo by Mexican rebels and report immediately by telegraph. The Americans have been prisoners for weeks.

Letters and Not Force Used. San Diego, April 12.—Much indignation was caused here today by the fact that nothing but much correspondence had been done toward the release of the American women and children who are held by insurgents at Alamo since the capture of the town a few weeks ago.

The Mexican authorities went attack the town but instead are using a starvation system to compel the insurgents to leave. This is also starving the Americans.

JUAREZ EXPECTS ATTACK.

Indications Are Insurrectos Will Open Fire There at Sundown.

El Paso, April 12.—Expecting an attack of 2,000 rebels under Madero, women and children are fleeing from Juarez to American soil. Last night the banks at the custom house transferred all coin to El Paso, while Navarro's force, 750 strong, was busily engaged in entrenching. Madero is at Casas Grandes, and controls the railroads and can take his time to prepare for the attack.

It is expected the attack will begin at sundown.

INSPECTION IS ON.

General Manager and His Assistant Commence Inspection Today.

Inspection of the O.-W. and its lines in Eastern Oregon has commenced and General Manager J. P. O'Brien and Assistant General Manager J. D. Stack have gone to Huntington and will work back in 01. Mr. O'Brien's private car. The officials will go to Joseph tomorrow and then work westward.

HOME RULE LAW ON TRIAL

CASE COMES UP AT ENTERPRISE TO TEST JOSEPH'S ACTS.

E. T. Schleur Made Defendant in Case to Settle Question.

Validity of the Home Rule law as applied to the city of Joseph will be established at the conclusion of a case which goes on trial at Enterprise tomorrow when Circuit Judge Knowles will hear the evidence against E. T. Schleur, accused by the state of Oregon with being a violator of the local option law in that county. The trial is a test case and the validity of the Home Rule law in its relations to Joseph—a town in a county which went dry, but was made wet by the city council.

District Attorney Ivanhoe, and Attorney T. H. Crawford are in Enterprise today and will attend the case which is of much importance to the town of Joseph.

BENEFIT GAME DEFINITELY ACCEPTED.

William Miller, George Cleaver, F. R. Bridges, Jay Van Buren and a half dozen other WAS baseball players have accepted the deal of the younger set to cross willows at the ball park for a benefit game, proceeds to go to the building of bathing houses at Riverside park. These men are to be styled business men's contingent and William Miller has been selected captain. "We are going to show this bunch of IS players we have not forgotten the game, and as soon as weather will permit said effort will be made," commented Mr. Miller today. About May 1st is the day, and to close all the business houses for a few hours some Friday is the plan.

PORTLAND STRIKE OVERDRAWN

FIFTY IN PLACE OF 2,000 ARE IN LABOR TROUBLES.

Coast-Wide Labor War Really Continued to a Few Men, It is Said.

Portland, April 12.—Union leaders today denounced as false the published report that 2,000 carpenters went on a strike in Portland and that it marked the first step in a coast labor war. In fact 50 men only went out after a private difficulty with the employing firm and no more will go out.

C. N. Ryerson, editor of the Labor Press says stories being sent out by the press bureau, recently started by employers' associations, are all a lot of lies, with the view of causing dissension so they can make a better fight for the open shops against the unions.

EXHIBIT HALL IS DISPOSED OF

JOHN L. MARS PAYS \$74 FOR THE STRUCTURE.

Building With Long and Varied Career to Be Used by Contractor.

Having long since outlived its usefulness the Commercial club exhibit hall is to be moved away and occupy a site conveniently near the headquarters of John L. Mars, the contractor. The building brought the Commercial club \$74 and is to be moved away in five days time.

Originally the building belonged to the Eastern Oregon Development company and when that company disposed of the place to the Commercial club, it was converted into an exhibit hall where resources of the city and county could be displayed to advantage at the depot and always close to the trains where tourists and homesekers could learn at a glance some of the products of the valley. Then the improvements at the depot forced the building back nearer the street and it immediately reached a stage of uselessness for tourists seldom if ever left the trains sufficiently far to study the products. After standing idle for a year or more and being the subject of irreparable letters between the club officials and the O.-W. officials, it was finally disposed of as noted.

The deal was closed up this morning by Commercial Club Manager S. M. Slough.

First Gun Fired Fifty Years Ago.

Washington, D. C., April 12.—Practically all of the patriotic and veterans' organizations of the District of Columbia held special exercises today in observance of the 50th anniversary of the firing on Fort Sumter, which event marked the commencement of the civil war.

MAJOR LEAGUES RUN UP 1911 PENNANTS

CUBS' DEFEAT BY GIANTS AND CONNIE MACK AS REPEATER IS BRIEF RESUME.

ATHLETICS CHANGE LITTLE

Changes in Second Division of Both the Big Leagues Not Anticipated by Sporting Writers—Cubs Seem Hopelessly Out of the Running—Highlanders are in Doubt—Jeanses Optimistic.

Taft Throws First Ball.

Washington, April 12.—Deserting the tangles of affairs of state, to formally inaugurate the 1911 baseball season of the national game, President Taft today tossed the first ball here in the opening contest between the Senators and the Boston Red Sox. A long line of senators, congressmen and cabinet members were with the president on the ground. All cheered when Taft put the first ball over the plate. Big crowds were out despite the cold and cloudy weather.

New York, April 12.—Six months of undiluted joy for the baseball fan, in other words the 1911 baseball season opened today in both of the major leagues.

Today begins what bids fair to be the most propitious year the national game has ever known. Baseball has grown so tremendously big and is now conducted on such a comprehensive and businesslike basis that it is safe to predict that every season will be a little better on the whole than the preceding year. Knowledge of this fact has prompted President Lynch of the National, and President Johnson of the American, to predict that 1911 will set a new record for attendance.

A remarkable feature of the season now opening is that the Chicago Cubs who won the National League pennant with ease last year, are not the favorites for the honor this year. The short end of the betting is the New York Giants, who finished second in 1910.

Giants Are Favorites.

A symposium of views of thirty well known sporting editors in big league towns found 24 pinning their faith to New York and only three to Chicago. Of the three who picked Chicago, two were Chicago scribes. Three also touted Pittsburg for the flag. In the American League, 29 of these writers selected Philadelphia to repeat, while one lone dolester looked for Detroit to be the winner.

It is easy to see why the Athletics should be such a unanimous choice, for the team showed last season that it is still coming, but it is difficult to see why the Cubs should run such a bad second to New York. It is probably because the Giants made such a strong finish and the Cubs went down to such inglorious defeat before the

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KETTENBACH JURY PICKED.

Alleged Bank Wreckers Did Not Plead Guilty as First Reported.

Boise, Ida., April 12.—The opening statement for the government in the case of Frank Kettenbach and William Kettenbach, charged with the abstraction of \$137,000 from the Lewistown National bank, was made today by Fletcher Dobyns. The jury was completed this morning. Both defendants entered pleas of not guilty.

Owing to a mistake in the transmission of telegraphic reports late yesterday an erroneous report was made that they had pleaded guilty when they had not.

Opportunity for Teachers Is Great, Says Prof. E. D. Ressler of Corvallis

Professor E. D. Ressler of the State agricultural college, who is Oregon director of the National Educational association, in commenting on the announcement in the La Grande Observer, says: "I am pleased to note that the La Grande Observer is promoting the N. E. A. convention in the counties of Union and Wallowa. Your scheme of enlisting the teachers in the counties with a trip to California as the prize is a good one and should prove a winner. I am certain that there is no trip which a teacher could take that will be so profitable, not only in a professional way but in the way of general information and delightful recreation among congenial people. It is always the cream of the profession that is in attendance at these national conventions and there are always a great many people quite worth while to know."

IOWA DEADLOCK BROKEN

NOTED TRUST BUSTER SUCCEEDS LATE SEN. DOLLIVER.

Deadlock Lasting Since January Is Broken by Progressives.

Des Moines, April 12.—William S. Kenyon, assistant United States attorney general and a trust buster, was today elected United States senator from Iowa to fill the vacancy of the late Senator Dolliver.

He will succeed Lafayette Young, who was appointed by Governor Carroll to serve until the legislature rejected a senator. Today's deadlock has lasted since January, when legislature was convened.

Kenyon is a republican and was supported by the progressive element. This was the outcome of his work as a trust buster. He was elected on the third ballot today.

WRECK VICTIMS NUMBER 21

ORIGINAL LIST OF 17 UNDERESTIMATED.

Strict Investigation of Marine Law Enforcement Demanded.

Vancouver, B. C., April 12.—Twenty-one instead of 17, are said to be dead in the Iroquois wreck. Three more bodies were recovered last night. Word from Ottawa today says a strict investigation will be held by the government.

The Vancouver board of trade today forwarded a telegraphic demand to the minister of Marine at Ottawa demanding investigation of the marine laws and their enforcement on the Pacific coast, as a result of the Iroquois wreck.

ON TO VICTORY CRY LEADERS

BIG GATHERING OF DEMOCRATIC CLANS AT INDIANAPOLIS.

Effort to Follow Up Success by Presidential Triumph Made.

Indianapolis, April 12.—To discuss means of following up the recent congressional victories by a presidential triumph, democrats from all parts of the country are today flocking here for a conference called by the national league of democratic clubs. The meeting winds up tomorrow night with a banquet celebrating Jefferson's birthday.

MOTHER CHOKES DAUGHTER TO END MISERY

CRAZED BY SEPARATION FROM HUSBAND ROCHESTER MOTHER KILLS DAUGHTER.

GIRL BEGS FOR HER LIFE

With Towel Wrapped Around Her Body Young Girl Awakes and Commences Fatal Struggle Amid Pleadings for Mercy—Mother Sits Calmly by and Allows Sharp Struggle to End in Death.

Boston, April 12.—Crazed with grief on account of the separation of her and her husband, Mrs. Clara Russell confessed today to strangling her little daughter Marjorie, aged 12, at their home in Dorchester. She wrapped a towel around the sleeping child. The confession goes on to say that she awakened the child in the act of tying the towel and the little girl begged for her life.

"I decided best not to let her grow up to meet the troubles I had, or similar ones, so I let her struggle," said her mother. "It was soon over. Later the policemen arrested me."

"Marjorie awoke and called me mother and begged me not to choke her. She said she loved me dearly, but I was the stronger and she died soon. Marjorie always prayed for me and her father and I hated to part with her. I have never been happy since he left so I decided to kill the girl an dthat would end all."

Oregon Country's Centennial.

Astoria, Ore., April 12.—One hundred years ago today the expedition sent out by John Jacob Astor, the great New York merchant and fur trader, arrived at the site of Astoria and founded the first American settlement in the Oregon country. No special observance of the anniversary was held today, but later in the summer Astoria will celebrate the centennial with a week of festivities.

Oregon Sunday School Workers.

Eugene, Ore., April 12.—Nearly 200 delegates, representing the evangelical Sunday schools of the state, are in Eugene for the 24th annual convention of the Oregon Sunday school association, which met today for a three days' session. Sixty of the most prominent Sunday school workers on the Pacific coast are on the program for addresses.



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