

FOUR HUNDRED KILLED ON FRENCH CRUISER

PRIDE OF FRENCH NAVY SINKS WITH NEARLY 300 ABOARD AND EXPLOSIONS SHAKE THE EARTH

Toulon, France, Sept. 25.—Three hundred and sixteen are dead as a result of three heavy explosions in the magazine of the French cruiser Liberté this morning. One hundred and twenty of the crew were ashore at the time of the explosion and the total strength is 710 men. The vessel sank at 5:55 this morning immediately following the third explosion. The country is wildly excited.

Fire started in the warship at 5 o'clock. Other ships and nearby towns went to her relief and many heroic acts were performed. One hundred sailors saved themselves by swimming ashore. Forty others are seriously injured.

The first explosion was at 5:30 but the main magazine let go the last and felled people on the decks of other ships and rocked the city.

Toulon, France, Sept. 25.—France is stunned at the terrible calamity which has befallen her nation through the loss of hundreds of able-bodied seamen and harbor attendants.

Nearly Ships Suffer, Too. The force of the explosion in the main magazine was terrific, and killed 20 seamen, injured 50 on a warship anchored near the cruiser and a block of metal hurled into the air dropped on a launch going to shore and killed every man in it.

The minister of marine is preparing to aid the families of the victims of the Liberté's explosion. Captain Juarez reports 32 officers were aboard the ship.

The Death list will probably be increased to 400 as the result of casualties on other vessels near the Liberté. The République docked just in time to prevent sinking.

Minister of Marine Delcasse thinks the fire started in a store room adjacent to the magazine and that a short circuited electric wire caused the magazine explosions. By the light of the fire seamen could be seen fighting the fire, and then, just before the ship sank, 100 escaped by swimming ashore.

The warship République was badly damaged by the Liberté's explosion and was dry docked hurriedly.

ART DEPARTMENT OF BIG FAIR IN HANDS OF COMPETENT LADIES

The Art Committee. Mrs. E. Rosenbaum, Mrs. Fred G. Schilke and Mrs. Loughlin. All fancy work material to be brought to art gallery at the fair grounds Wednesday, before noon if possible, but up to night at the latest.

Art is to play a no mean part in the county fair which opens next Wednesday with arrangement of show material and continues for a week. Art—and that means paintings, work of nimble fingers in crocheting, plain sewing, in fact everything in needlecraft and paint and brush categories—is to be under the direct supervision

of the art committee named above and there will be no work spared to make this department one of the very foremost in the big fair which opens this week. No article is too small or too valuable to endanger its exhibition during the fair for the art committee will personally supervise the arrangement of all the exhibits and will list them properly so that they can be returned without damage or danger of loss. The committee is soliciting every conceivable sort of handwork that comes under this head, and there seems no question that the art department will excel all former attempts. Exhibitors should place their exhibits at the grounds on Wednesday morning.

Whole souled support from the populace is needed and many inquiries indicate there will be spirited competition.

RE-ORGANIZING TOBACCO TRUST.

Wickersham to Give Scrutiny to Its Precepts Before Publicity Is Given

New York, Sept. 25.—A secret conference regarding the re-organization of the tobacco trust is being held today by Attorney General Wickersham and a number of judges and attorneys including officials of the department of justice and federal circuit judges. Wickersham admits he intends to issue a statement tonight regarding his plans for dealing with the trust problem.

The re-organization plan for the tobacco trust was completed at a conference and is to be announced when the plan is submitted to the court. Then public hearings will be heard to permit objectors to protest if they have any protest to make.

SHOPMEN MUM OVER OUTCOME

DEVELOPMENTS TOMORROW MAY DECIDE STRIKE.

Conference at Davenport Draws to a Close This Evening.

Davenport, Iowa, Sept. 25.—With the international officers of the various crafts conferring with President O'Connell of the machinists' union, indications are strong that the allied trades on the Harriman lines will strike. The conference ends tonight. Developments are expected tomorrow but none will talk of the mtoday.

QUEEN VICTORIA OF SPAIN.

Prince Jaime, Her Second Son, Who is Deaf, is on Her Right.



CROWDS SILENT AT TAFT DAY

COFFEYVILLE REFRAINS FROM APPLAUSE.

Presidents Jest About Reception When He Reaches "Warmer" Climes.

Coffeyville, Sept. 25.—This is the first of five towns in Kansas President Taft visited today. The others are Independence, Cherryvale, Chanute, and Ottawa. He gave brief addresses at each.

Governor Stubbs, so far, has declined to state whether he favors Mr. Taft or La Follette for president in 1912.

Here Mr. Taft defended his veto messages on wool, cotton and other bills. Ten thousand heard him and scarcely cheered. This is insurgent territory out and out.

Taft said, "Bound as I was by the platform pledges to see that American industry was sufficiently protected, I could do nothing but withhold my signature from the bills."

At Independence Taft good naturedly joked about Coffeyville, saying, "I know some people would have to come through hell to get to heaven; I came through Coffeyville today."

Hutchinson Ready for President.

Hutchinson, Kas., Sept. 25.—From the center of the city to the utmost limits, Hutchinson is dressed in holiday attire in anticipation of the visit of President Taft tomorrow. The distinguished visitor will spend the day and night in this city. During their stay the members of the presidential party will be quartered at the Blount hotel. A big military and industrial parade will escort the "president" to the state fair grounds, where he is to deliver an address as a feature of the Kansas semi-centennial celebration.

NURSE FATALLY WOUNDED.

Moving Picture Operator Shoots Eatonville, Wash., Trained Nurse

Eatonville, Wash., Sept. 25.—A posse is pursuing Frank Calvin, a moving picture operator who shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Vivian Early here last night they were out walking. She was a trained nurse. Calvin, in a buggy, left in the direction of Tacoma.

Laurier Going to California.

Ottawa, Sept. 25.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the defeated premier, is preparing to go to California for a two weeks' rest before taking up the leadership of the opposition to the victorious conservatives.

MARQUIS SAIONJI.

Japanese Statesman Who is Expected to Become Premier.



GREEK DROWNS AT PERRY DAM

ASPIRES TO BE ROLLER OF LOGS AND DIES.

Has Been in This Vicinity But a Short Time Say Fellow Countrymen

Grande Ronde river claimed another victim yesterday when John Katres, a Greek, fell in the water at Perry and was drowned. The body was recovered shortly afterwards and interment took place today from the Henry & Carr undertaking chapel.

Katres, an employee of the section crew, was evidently aspiring to be a log roller or dreaming of sunny Greece at the time of the fatal accident for he fell from a log in the deep waters after he had been sitting on it sunning himself for some time. Fellow workmen saw him go down. He has been in this country but a month and had few acquaintances in the Greek colony.

Darrow Needs Money.

Los Angeles, Sept. 25.—Hampered by a lack of funds with which to carry on proper investigation preparatory for the coming trial of the McNamaras, Attorney Darrow today said that the defense faced a serious proposition. With scores of employees, stenographers, detectives, etc., employed the fund of \$15,000 to pay expenses is dwindling rapidly. Darrow said if all who pledged money to aid the McNamaras paid there would be plenty of money. "But we need it very badly now," he said.

Ready to "Balloons" Ocean.

Atlantic City, Sept. 25.—Melvin Vaniman and his crew is ready for an attempt to fly across the Atlantic in a dirigible balloon the Akron. He expects to start in ten days.

Mad Dog Victim Dead.

Chicago, Sept. 25.—Earl Barnes, the child who was bitten by a mad dog here, died today of rabies. Physicians gave him morphine to relieve his agony, and announced the case was hopeless and that they would not attempt to prolong life.

Uchida at Seattle.

Seattle, Sept. 25.—Baron Uchida, former Japanese ambassador to the United States, arrived in Seattle today enroute to Japan. He was a guest of honor at a banquet this afternoon.

TROOPS MASSED FOR WAR BETWEEN TURKEY AND ITALY

Tripoli Basis of Conflict Over Which Immediate War Seems Inevitable-- Order to Banish Italians From Turkey Ready--Situation Critical.

Constantinople, Sept. 25.—The first army corps has been brought here for embarkation to Tripoli to reinforce the 30,000 troops already there in readiness to oppose the Calian seizure of that colony. All hope of an amicable settlement of the trouble between Italy and Turkey in the Tripoli altercation seems to be abandoned and it is the purpose, it is declared, to strike before France and Germany conclude the Moroccan negotiations. It was unofficially announced that the Italian troops have landed on the Tripoli coast recently declaring war with Turkey and that 112,000 reservists have been called to colors. This is unconfirmed.

Vienna, Sept. 25.—Private advices from Constantinople say Turkey is fighting mad and the population is rallying to the government as they believe they must fight to retain the disputed territory. All reserves have been summoned to Colofa and an order expelling the Italians from Turkish territory has been signed by the sultan and is in the hands of the premier ready for issuance as soon as it is certain war must come.

Italy's attempt to seize Tripoli is alarming Europe and it is feared may end in war adding to the Mediterranean problem.

Fifty thousand Italians have large financial interests in Tripoli.

Italy desires Tripoli for trade purposes and Turkey declined to lease it or grant any trade concessions.

London, Sept. 25.—Both England and Germany are urging Turkey to yield to Italy's demands that she be allowed to occupy Tripoli, though they mean to be neutral. Politics are so entangled that something might happen which could be avoided otherwise.

Advices on the crisis between Italy and Turkey are alarming from all European capitals. It is feared the hostilities will furnish the spark that is needed to start a general European conflict. The cry "On to Tripoli" started by the government, means the ending of industrial disquiet. The movement is popular because the laboring classes need a place to work and the Italian new Africa has long been the government's ambition. Believed Tripolians will aid the Turks because they are muslimans there.

HYPNOTISM IS POLICE HELP

SEXUPTLE MURDER MYSTERY TO RELY ON SEANCE.

Suspect to Be Subjected to Influence of Expert Hypnotists.

Colorado Springs, Sept. 25.—The police here today are considering hypnotism as a means of establishing a working basis for solving the sextuple murder mystery here. In an effort to find a motive for the crime it is proposed to have expert hypnotists exert their influence over Antone Donatel, who is being held as a suspect.

While it is now believed Donatel probably is not the murderer it is believed he can shed light on the mystery. Chief of Police Armstrong of Denver has arrived here today and said a woman committed the murder, prompted by jealousy.

Rolph Has Big Odds.

San Francisco, Sept. 25.—The mayoralty candidates today ended their campaign and everything is ready for tomorrow's primaries. It is predicted that the primaries will settle matters finally. The betting is two to one that Rolph will beat Mayor McCarthy.

Make Brooklyn Yards Biggest.

New York, Sept. 25.—Plans for the extension and improvement of the Brooklyn navy yard involving the expenditure of approximately \$14,000,000, making it the world's greatest naval station was completed here today and will be submitted this week to the navy department for approval.

SIERRAS HARD TO CONQUOR

FOWLER PREPARES FOR FINAL TEST TOMORROW.

Tunes His Machine to Final Flight, Expect to Leave Tomorrow.

Emigrant Gap, Cal., Sept. 25.—After having circled above Cisco, 20 miles further east than he had been heretofore, Aviator Fowler is tuning his machine for the final test to the summit. He thinks if he passes the summit no further trouble will be expected and he will fly over the Sierras. He expects to leave tomorrow.

BOGROFF NOT DEAD, BELIEF

"OFFICIALLY" ANNOUNCED HE HANGED TODAY.

Populace Believes Stolypin's Assassin Did Not Swing as Stated.

Kieff, Russia, Sept. 25.—Anarchist Bogroff, Premier Stolypin's assassin, was officially declared hanged here today in the citadel. Only a few officials witnessed the scene.

Many doubt, however, that Bogroff is dead and think he is deported. Silence in all things pertaining to the crime's punishment leads to this belief.