

DIKE BREAKS AND LETS IN THE SEA

Thousands of Dollars of Property Damaged—Mill Washed Away When the Dike Was Broken

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 22.—According to a special to the News from Multnomah, a sea-shore resort near this city, practically the whole north end of that resort was washed into the sea with several cottages by the high tide which hammered the half mile of dike.

A strip of land 12 feet high and 20 feet wide and a thousand foot long was washed away. Bath houses were all destroyed. A mill giving employment to many men was slowly panned to pieces. A break in the dike gave the surf a free sweep. The loss amounts to thousands of dollars.

CHINESE SEEKS DEATH BECAUSE HE IS THIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 23.—Many reasons are given for persons being tired of life and either ending their existence or attempting to do so, but the most unique reason is given by Joe Sue Doek, a box maker from Oakland, who is at present in Dr. Poole's hospital, 40 Trenton place. Sergeant Layne learned of the case Friday and yesterday reported the result of his inquiries.

Joe Sue Doek had an ambition to become very fat, as he is naturally very lean. He tried everything known to Chinese science to increase his adipose, but the more he tried the thinner he grew, until in despair he cut his throat with a knife about a month ago, preferring to die than live without becoming a fat man.

Doek was brought from Oakland to Dr. Poole's hospital February 6 and is slowly recovering, but he declares that he will make another attempt unless his ambition is gratified.

BIDS FOR HAWAII DRYDOCK REJECTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The second lowest bidder for the construction of the big drydock for the naval station at Hawaii was the Pacific Construction company, whose bid was in excess of the appropriation of \$2,000,000.

The lowest bidder, C. M. Lenzel of Boston, is failed to furnish bond to complete the work. In addition to this fact his bid is regarded as lower than the work can be done for, while the time named by the bidder is regarded as altogether too short a period in which to perform the task, therefore, new bids for the dock have been called for.

The work of constructing the dock will be in charge of Civil Engineer Parks of the navy, who is already on the ground attending to the details and the development of the naval base which is to be located at Pearl harbor.

EUROPEAN POWERS ARE EXPECTED TO INTERFERE

LONDON, Feb. 23.—It was learned here today that one or more of the neutral powers will very shortly offer its good offices to Austria and Serbia in the hope of settling the differences between those two countries. Who will do this has not yet been decided, but in any case it will not be Great Britain. The indications point to the selection of France to take the initial step and there is reason to believe that such a proposal would not be distasteful to Austria-Hungary.

PHONOGRAPH TALKS FOR ABSENT SPEAKERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Speeches by phonograph was one of the features of the Amherst alumni at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. Through this medium the gathering was addressed by Penn Hittchcock of the faculty, who is also the senior professor by Representative Rainey of Illinois, and Judge Samuel Sears of Chicago. The speaker did not come very smoothly from the records, but the gist of what was said could be made out, and the college men enjoyed the stunt immensely.

THREATEN TO LYNCH GUN WIELDING GREEK

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 23.—Threats to lynch John Mastroles, a Greek, who last night shot and killed a policeman of South Omaha, were made today. A petition was circulated calling a mass meeting Sunday to suggest means of ridding the city of an undesirable class of Greeks, who are held responsible for many recent acts of lawlessness.

TAFT CAN MAKE GOOD OR HARD TIMES—RIPLEY

President of the Santa Fe Railroad Says Roosevelt Made Government an Oligarchy

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 23.—Charging that President Roosevelt's presentation of railroads in the United States at the present time practically makes the government an oligarchy, President Ripley of the Santa Fe railroad today declared that the future condition of business generally depends largely upon the attitude of President Taft.

He stated further that the boom following Taft's election has practically dried the country being in a waiting mood, waiting to see what the coming administration will do.

ENGLAND'S SEVENTH DREADNAUGHT FLOATS

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The Vanguard, the largest and heaviest battleship ever built for the British navy, was launched successfully at Barrow today. An immense crowd assembled to see the vessel take the water.

The Vanguard is England's seventh vessel of the Dreadnaught class and if the present plans of the admiralty are carried out six more vessels of the same type will be laid down before the end of this year. The Vanguard is the heaviest and most modernly equipped of the ships of her class. Her launching weight is about 16,000 tons, length between perpendiculars, 590 feet; length overall, 648 feet; beam, 81 feet; displacement, over 19,000 tons; horsepower, 25,000; average in weight, over five hundred tons; maximum speed, 21 knots; range, 15,000 miles; her cost will be upwards of \$9,000,000.

WONDERFUL SATTISH GOES TO A-Y-Y-P. EXPOSITION

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 23.—Several months ago a marvelous catfish was caught in a slough below Vancouver, and since that time has been kept in a tank of fresh water in the window of a fish and oyster house on Washington street. During all of this time the fish has refused to eat anything and has not as yet shown any ill effects from its extended fast of four months. When the cold spell of weather struck Vancouver a month or more ago the catfish was frozen up in the pan of ice and was picked out by the proprietor of the store with an iron pick, but he survived the shock.

MRS. LESLIE CARTER CAN'T PLAY 'SALOME' IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Leslie Carter's plan to give the original version of Oscar Wilde's 'Salome' at the Liberty theater was vetoed by Klaus Reisinger, the firm that controls that playhouse.

Klaus Reisinger yesterday gave out a statement saying that no amount of inducement would give in any theater owned, controlled or represented by them.

RED CROSS RAISES ONE MILLION DOLLARS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—A million dollars has been collected by the American Red Cross for the aid of the Italian anti-aircraft officers. New York leads the list with \$322,896 and California is second with \$190,073. The state of Washington gave \$112,253.

WEEKS & M'GOWAN HAVE RECEIVED A NEW HEARSE

A new hearse has arrived for Weeks & McGowan, the West side funeral directors. The new vehicle is an elegant creation of the carriage makers of rather broad and splendid build.

START FIGHT ALL OVER AGAIN

Standard Oil Case Begins Anew in Chicago Court—Would Quash the Entire Verdict of Jurymen

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The second great struggle between the Standard Oil company and the United States government in which a fine of \$20,000,000 was imposed the first time, began today in the United States circuit court, when Attorney Miller, the chief counsel for the Standard Oil company, moved that the entire verdict of 150 jurors be quashed because it was improperly drawn, too many of the witnesses being farmers.

The attorneys on both sides began arguments on the motion.

REBATES AMOUNT TO MILLIONS FOR GAS CONSUMERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Distribution of the \$12,000,000 in rebates due the gas consumers of New York, under the order of United States supreme court, was commenced today and will probably be completed within two months. The completion day was made a gala occasion by millions of New Yorkers, since it marked the final survivor of the vanquished gas trust and the victory of the "common people."

The decision of the highest tribunal of the land in this case will probably go down in history as one of the most notable it has ever rendered. For the first time a big combine has been forced to disgorge, and practically its entire holder in the city will share in the proceeds of the disengagement. It is estimated that there are about a million and a half elements, who have paid a dollar for gas after the passage of the so-called gas law, and the result of setting all of these elements will be a gigantic task. Expert accountants have been employed and the distribution will go forward with all possible facility.

The test of the so-called gas law begins May 1, 1909, and ended with the recent decision of the supreme court upholding its constitutionality, and ordering the return to consumers of any money paid to the Gas trust beyond the legal rate, while the court test was in progress.

LADY RICHARDSON IS TO DO BAREFOOT DANCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—New York society, after a period of unprecedented gaiety, is today preparing to do a barefoot and waltz for the Lenten season of repentance and prayer. During the next 40 days not 40 nights there will be little doing in the way of social affairs.

Many events of more or less importance are on the Shrove Tuesday program, but not the least interesting of these is the barefoot dance to be given for some charity's sake by Lady Richardson.

Lady Richardson's dance, despite the bareness of the feet, is extremely modest as well as remarkably graceful. The visiting noblewoman will be paid for her display and will take the money as a reward to aid in establishing a school in Scotland for the education of poor boys.

MONEY INCUBATOR REVERSES ALCHEMY

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Through an investigation in the Essex market place court, it has been disclosed that a band of crooks have been visiting Italy ignorant men and women in the East Side by means of a mysterious machine which they intended would invest money in flour. Joseph Bannister, a flour merchant, had been paid \$100,000 by the machine in the possession of Benjamin Bloom, a 35-year-old man, and after analyzing carefully the 25 boxes of flour, had opened one and discovered that it contained no flour at all. Bloom was held for 48 hours in prison. Harry Lippman, a flour merchant, explained that he had been in the same machine and had been paid \$100,000 by the machine. He explained that he had been in the machine and had been paid \$100,000 by the machine. He explained that he had been in the machine and had been paid \$100,000 by the machine.

144 HOT CAKES EVERY TIME THE BATCH IS DONE

During Breakfast Hours Hotel Nash Can Now Supply 10,800 Hotcakes or Enough For 3600 Guests

One hundred and forty-four hot cakes at one time, on the same stove, done to a crisp at the same moment! Or enough in two minutes to supply 48 people their breakfast dish. Now how would you like to mix the batter for all the hot cakes this range could supply during the breakfast hour at the Nash—from 6:30 to 9 a. m.? Two minutes to a batch, and one has time to cook 75 batches. In a batch 144 cakes, or a total of 10,800 hot cakes, or enough for 3600 people. Now how would you like to eat 'em all?

Yet this is what could happen in the Hotel Nash by using their large new range. It is 12 feet long and three feet wide, giving a total of 36 square feet of cooking surface, thus making it possible to cook 144 hot cakes at one time.

Manager Johnson of the hotel, as one of the first steps towards improving the hotel, ordered this immense range from Manager Bigham of the Medford Hardware company. It arrived on Tuesday morning and will be installed immediately.

The new range is a Grand Niagara. It has three fire boxes and weighs 2000 pounds. It is the most complete and modern range in the city. Increased business at the Nash has made it a necessity.

The hood to carry off the heat and smoke is a tremendous affair and was built in the shop of the Medford Hardware company.

'LOIDIES' WILL SEE TONY USE HIS DUKES

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 23.—For the benefit of the women of society, Anthony J. Dressel, millionaire, clubman and athlete, will box six rounds with Jack O'Brien, pugilist, at the Philadelphia Athletic club the night of February 28.

This affair is to be very swell and very select. It is the first exhibition of its kind to be given in this city. The invitations were sent out yesterday, and glowing prospects are being held out to the chosen few to attend. So delightful is it to be, in fact, that it is said several parties are being arranged to attend the affair; and when the "mill" is pulled off the ragged promises to visit with a performance of "Salome" in brilliancy.

Mr. Biddle it is to be remembered has appeared in the ring with Mr. O'Brien before today. He gave an exhibition of his skill with the padded gloves at the Merion Cricket club last spring but the coming affair is the first when a "ladies' night" has been arranged for a fight encounter.

ACCUSE SOLONS OF DRINKING-THE IDEAL

Preacher Makes Scathing Accusations Against California Legislators—Says It Is Given Them to Influence Votes.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 23.—That the members of the California legislature are daily consuming gallons of liquor furnished within the capital building by the enemies of the local option law and in doing are violating the law prohibiting intoxicants being sold or given away upon the capital grounds is the scathing declaration made today by Rev. D. M. Goodier, of Los Angeles, representing the Anti-Saloon league in the fight against the passage of the local option bills.

LET BIG CONTRACT FOR NAVY YARD SUPPLIES

VALLEJO, Cal., Feb. 23.—In preparation for the contract of the Pacific fleet base will be opened by the department of supplies and accounts at Washington on March 8 for stores and provisions to be one of the largest bids for the base located near Vallejo after the 4-10-09 of the Atlantic fleet.

FISCO'S CITY HALL CLAIMS ANOTHER LIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 23.—The San Francisco city hall today received a notice from the city engineer that the city hall was closed today. The notice was received from the third floor and stated that a fire had broken out in the hall and had burned down the hall and destroyed the city hall.

TELEPHONE WAR IS OVER

Peace Declared at Grants Pass—Phone War Ends by Failure of Independents to Secure Franchise

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 23.—After a bitter and stubborn fight covering several months, the "telephone war," as it has been called, and which has been on in this city, has come to a close, the independent company meeting defeat. The company was granted a franchise by the city council which was turned down by the veto of Mayor Kinney. An attempt to pass it over his head failed. The independent company was to have been financed by local people. It had made all preparations for putting in a telephone system. It had secured a large list of subscribers, and would have had its poles and wires up within the next few months. It also proposed to erect a large brick building as the central station for the system.

In the meantime the old company "got busy" and a protest was entered, signed by many leading business men of the town, who objected to the new company on the grounds that two companies operating here would necessitate the paying for two telephones. The old company also made immediate promises to improve the local system. The "temporizing" will at least have the effect of improving the old system, though it failed to secure a new one.

WOMAN SEEKS BODY OF DROWNED FIANCÉ

SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 23.—The mysterious woman in black who has been patrolling the banks of the Guadalupe creek in search of the body of Paul Biederman, who drove a horse into the flood a week ago and was drowned, was identified today as Mrs. Belle Dugan of 11 North San Pedro street.

Mrs. Dugan states that she was to have wedded Biederman this week. The night before Biederman disappeared they quarreled over a trivial matter and Biederman left with the avowed intention of ending his life.

The next day, while under the influence of liquor, he drove furiously west on Fox avenue, which ends at the banks of the Guadalupe creek. The horse sprang from the bank into the flood with the buggy and man and was whirled away in the turbulent waters. The horse was found the next morning at Agnew, five miles away.

Attired in the deepest of mourning Mrs. Dugan has been searching the banks of the stream since that time for the body of her fiancé.

FORMER JAILER LOCKED IN PRISON HE ONCE RULED

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Feb. 23.—Former Jailer Joseph W. Barry, who was arrested in San Francisco last night on a charge of defrauding an innkeeper here, may have to face a felony charge when he arrives in court, as it is claimed that he mortgaged a piano which he never owned to a friend in this city for \$100.

Barry lost his position as jailer here because of his fondness for wine and women.

He was brought here tonight and in default of \$200 bail was locked up in the jail where he was formerly keeper.

SAM BERGER GETS GAY AND JEFF SWINGS ON HIM

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 23.—A good story is told by Cy Moreing of Stockton on Sam Berger, who is boxing with Jim Jeffries on the road. At Stockton Berger attempted to get a trifle kitchy with the big fellow and Jeffries didn't fancy it at all, so he hooked a stiff left hook which caught Berger flush on the nose and the blood spouted in such a manner that the spectators imagined they were at an actual ring battle. Jeff is said to be in good condition now and is training for an hour every day in addition to his theatrical stunts. Jeff and Sam will box over in Oakland at the MacDonough for the next three days and nights.

BOOTBLACK SUSPECTED OF DYNAMITING IS FREED

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 23.—Ed Cooper, a local bootblack, who was arrested with Max Carpie Pione on suspicion of having dynamited a Santa Fe car house in this city last December, and who admitted having written a letter to the company threatening to dynamite the company's rolling stock, was released from custody this morning, as the district attorney had no evidence upon which to charge. The woman, who he claims is his wife, is in the local hospital, because she is believed to be insane.

PORTUGAL'S DOWAGER QUEEN ARRIBOUSLY KILLED

LISBON, Feb. 23.—It was announced today that the condition of the 82-year-old queen, Maria Pia, is so grave that she may die. The mother of the late King Carlos has been ill for several weeks with an intestinal disorder.

TO START AT ONCE TO FIX UP CITY PARK

Ladies of Greater Medford Club Appoint Committee --Also Accept Design and Plan for Bandstand

Immediate steps are to be taken by the ladies of the Greater Medford club to improve the park on the west side. This was indicated by their business session on Monday afternoon held in the Commercial club room. Plans for the new bandstand to be erected there were accepted and work will soon be undertaken. The committee appointed to undertake the direction of the work is composed of Mesdames Merriek, Kentner and Orford.

Considerable other business was transacted which was followed by a program in observance of Washington's birthday. A most interesting feature of this program was a paper by Mrs. Jennings on a trip abroad.

BOOK READY FIRST OF APRIL

Cover Will Have Picture of Crater Lake in Three Colors -- 50,000 Were Ordered Printed

Medford will have the most elaborate pamphlet ever published by any city for publicity purposes, but it will not be ready for distribution until the first of April. The front cover will be an artistic photograph of Crater Lake in three colors, set in a gold frame. The back cover will be the scene on the upper Rogue that was shown on the first Commercial club pamphlet, but printed in three colors. Page 2 of the cover will be a glimpse of snow-capped Mt. McLaughlin portrayed in three colors, and page 3 of the cover a bas-relief map of this section, in three colors, with the various creeks and the \$1000 offer, and the famous products and resources shown accurately.

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When the deal was closed for the books 50,000 in number, the order for the paper was placed at the eastern mills, and they have just finished it, an entire carload, the largest size sheet ever shipped to the coast. Most of the suits have been finished, but it will probably be the first of April before the first shipments of pamphlets can be made, though Manager W. B. Wells of the Sunset Magazine bureau, expects that a shipment can be made before.

BOOKLET ELABORATE

The booklet is by far the most elaborate and expensive that has yet been attempted. Until it is ready, the "Conductor pamphlets" issued by the Southern Pacific to show the way to Medford, will be distributed. This booklet contains much valuable information about this city and valley, has a three-color cover with a cluster of Newtowans on the front and the famous Tolay grape photograph on the back. The matter has been rewritten and brought up to date, two-page map, and brought up to date, and several new cuts included. These pamphlets can be secured at the Commercial club rooms.

LIVES OF THIRTY PEOPLE ENDANGERED BY FIRE

LOVELOCK, Nev., Feb. 23.—Property valued at \$40,000 was destroyed and the lives of 30 people endangered by a fire that raged in the business portion of Lovelock this morning. The blaze, due to an exploding gasoline light machine, broke out in the Slog Inn, a saloon, and quickly spread to the Franklin hotel, filled with sleeping people.

Half a block of business houses were destroyed before the volunteer fire department got the fire under control. Many persons, believing that the fire would spread to the residence district, moved their household goods into the street and stood guard over them the remainder of the night.

HERMIT'S DOG STANDS GUARD OVER HIS BODY

CHICO, Feb. 23.—A large dog, the companion of John Hillie, a hermit, stood guard and held at bay three policemen yesterday when they attempted to separate him from the lifeless and frozen form of his master. A watchman was attracted to the shanty by the whining of the animal. He saw the out-stretched form of a man on the floor and notified the police. The door was broken down, but the dog jumped at the policemen, forcing them to retreat. After a half hour of coaxing the dog permitted them to take the body.

REBEKAH HAVE MOST PLEASANT JUNKETING TRIP

A delegation of 15 members of Olive Rebekeh lodge, No. 28, attended the evening session of the district convention of that lodge at Jacksonville on Monday evening. Following the business sessions a banquet was tendered the members and visitors.

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