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TERIBLE ACCIDENT.

TWO YOUNG MEN OF INDEPENDENCE MEET A SHOCKING DEATH.

Blown to Pieces by the Explosion of One Hundred Pounds of Dynamite—Wonderful Operation on Negro Stabbed by His Sweetheart.

Independence, March 5.—One of the most distressing and horrible accidents that has occurred in Polk county, causing the death of two young men, happened at 8 o'clock this morning about one and one-half miles north of Independence, where Curtis Baker was dynamiting stumps with John Burton on Mr. Burton's hop land.

Mr. Baker went down early to work this morning and Gilbert McCabe, a young boy of about 13 years of age, went down with him for the purpose of visiting him and seeing him blast stumps. While Mr. Burton was heating the dynamite in a can of hot water preparatory to blasting, the dynamite, from some unknown cause, exploded and set off the rest of the hundred pounds of dynamite that was near by. The boys, McCabe and Baker, were instantly killed. The bodies were picked up and buried in midair a distance of over 150 feet. Their limbs were torn from their bodies, which were dismembered, and their faces were mangled beyond recognition, having been completely blackened by the charge of powder.

A house standing at a distance of a few hundred yards is in complete ruins, the windows demolished, the casings and woodwork wrenched loose, and the whole house practically off from its foundation. The earth where the horror occurred was torn up to a depth of four feet, and for a space of 30 to 40 feet in diameter. A small pig was feeding a few yards distant and was instantly killed.

Mr. Burton was at work only a short distance away, and it was a miracle that Mr. Wood, a young man who was in the field, was not also killed. He had started to the spot where the boys were and was called back by Mr. Burton, who wished him to help him with some of his work. But for this he too would have fallen a victim to the explosion.

The coroner of Dallas was called up, but he concluded that an official investigation would not have to be made and the bodies were picked up and taken to the undertaking parlors for burial.

Gilbert McCabe was a young man of about 18 years of age. His father died here about a year ago and his mother is living in the east. His father bequeathed him the tile factory at this place, which is being managed by the boys guardian, Thomas Pomeroy. McCabe had stated that he had no work to do this morning on the farm and thought he would go out and make a visit. He got up early and left with his friend for the bottom, where the accident occurred.

Mr. Baker was a young man of about 32 years of age, and well known here, having been in this city for a number of years. His death comes as a terrible shock and calamity to the stricken family. No blame is placed for the accident. It is thought that the sudden contraction caused by the hot water in the freezing process was the cause of the explosion.

Philadelphia, March 5.—Thomas Emerson, a colored man who was stabbed in the heart Monday by his sweetheart, has been the subject of an unusual operation. His heart was lifted out of the body and six stitches were taken to close the big gash made by the negro's knife. The organ was replaced and Emerson is recovering.

After the assault Emerson walked without assistance to the hospital, a distance of five blocks, and was put under the influence of ether as soon as the wound had been examined. On the operating table the heart was exposed by a long incision which necessitated the breaking of several ribs. The operating surgeon inserted two fingers and lifted out the heart. It was drawn clean out of the trunk, yet it went

on with its work with almost normal steadiness and regularity. The cut was a large one and required six stitches. The pleura was opened and a gathering of blood was removed.

After the wound had been dressed Emerson was extremely weak, but is rallying slowly, and the surgeons believe he will recover.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 27.—Fire started at 3 o'clock this morning from crossed electric wires and completely gutted Wisconsin's beautiful capitol building. The loss was \$800,000. The insurance was only \$6,000. The fire was not discovered until it was under great headway. The local firemen were unable to cope with the fire and appealed to Milwaukee department, but the aid came too late.

The loss involves the building of a new capitol. A special session of the legislature will be called and probably renew the agitation to remove the capital from Madison to Milwaukee. The east and west wings were entirely ruined. The building cost \$1,000,000.

Governor La Follette personally directed the fight against the flames. Students and citizens assisted in removing the records and law books. The vaults are believed to be intact.

Fire Chief Bernard was seriously injured by falling bricks.

Lima, Peru, March 4.—The worst earthquake in years occurred here last evening and did much damage to the city and surrounding country. A number of lives have been lost.

The quake was followed by an extremely high tide at Callao and a violent sea along the coast. It lasted several minutes, during which the earth rocked violently and rumbling was deep and profound.

The earthquake shocks continued this morning and were the most severe known in a quarter of a century.

The damage to life and property must have been great from the character of the tremors, but no figures of losses are yet obtainable.

Further advices are awaited with feverish anxiety.

Redding, Cal., March 4.—William Clements and his daughter, while crossing Weaver Creek, near Douglas City, last evening in a buggy, had a thrilling experience. The creek was a raging torrent and the buggy struck a hole and capsized. The occupants were thrown out and the outfit was carried down stream. Clements caught the girl and with a superhuman effort strapped her to the horse, and then swam ashore. The buggy was wrecked. Clements fainted when the shore was reached. The horse, which had also reached the shore, started off with the girl, but she managed to free herself and walked to Douglas, two miles distant, where she obtained help for her father, who was completely over come.

Santa Cruz, Cal., March 4.—A masked highway man this morning at the point of a pistol held up two men on their way to town. The first one encountered was Otis Hammond, a Salvation Army man. The highwayman threatened to blow out his brains. "God bless you shoot," said the Salvationist complacently. The bandit in apparent disgust lowered his weapon and walked away.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—Serious concern is manifest in official circles here over the statement that America today has promised Japan the assistance of her warships in the event that Russia refuses to recognize the right of China to grant royal exequaturs to American consuls about to be sent to Manchuria.

The state department at Washington desires neutrality, but the word was given out three weeks ago that the integrity of China must be preserved regardless of Russian ambition.

Cleveland, O., March 5.—Three burglars were captured last night by Mrs. Fannie Blackburn, a widow of 35 years, who is fair but muscular. She used a hickory club on the men as they emerged from the cellar, knocking them down one by one. The burglars were so dazed that they were unable to get away, and were soon made helpless by the sturdy widow's blows. The police were summoned and took the men into custody.

LATE WAR NEWS.

JAPANESE FLEET BOMBARDS VLADIVOSTOK.

Purpose was to Draw the Fire of Russian Shore Batteries—Batteries at Port Arthur Have Suffered From Recent Attacks.

Vladivostok, March 6.—A fleet of five Japanese battleships and two cruisers appeared off this place at 1:25 o'clock this afternoon and bombarded the town and shore batteries for 55 minutes.

The fleet approached from the direction of Askold Island, at the east entrance to Ussuri Bay, and about 32 miles southeast of Vladivostok. Entering Ussuri Bay, the enemy formed a line of battle, but did not approach to a closer range than a mile and one-third. They directed their fire against the shore batteries and the town, but no damage resulted, as most of their 200 lyddite shells failed to burst.

The Russian batteries, commanded by General Vernotz and Artamonoff, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the enemy.

The Japanese fire ceased at 2:20 p. m., and the enemy retired in the direction of Askold Island. Simultaneously two torpedo-boat destroyers appeared near Askold Island and two more near Cape Maidel. The Japanese ships were covered with ice.

The attack resulted in no loss to the Russians, but cost the Japanese 200 rubles (\$100,000) in ammunition. Most of the projectiles were six and 12-inch shells.

The population of Vladivostok was warned this morning of the presence on the horizon of a hostile fleet and the prospect of attack during the day, but it remained tranquil.

Niu Chwang, March 6.—New arrivals from Port Arthur confirm the rumors in circulation here last week that the westerly batteries have been greatly damaged by the Japanese snell fire. Desultory bombardment continues, but there has been an absence of concerted action on the part of the Japanese warships for a couple of days. All of the civilian population has been expelled from the town.

A heavily-laden train was derailed near the town Saturday, but it is not known how much damage was done. The wreck was caused by an obstruction being placed on the track by Japanese agents.

The attempt to repair the drydock so that it would accommodate the battle ship Czarovitch has been abandoned, and she will remain in a disabled condition until the close of the war, or until she can be sent to Vladivostok, where the drydock is large enough to accommodate her. Niu Chwang is now only occupied by a small detachment of Cossack cavalry.

Paris, March 7.—The correspondent of the matin of Tokio says that a banquet given Thursday to the American war correspondent, the vice-minister of foreign affairs, in thanking the American nation for support hitherto given to Japan, declared that the government reckoned upon receiving even more effective assistance from the United States in the future.

The correspondent says he has had reason to believe that the vice-minister alluded to the proposed loan in connection with which Baron Kaneko has gone to the United States.

The subscriptions to the war loan opened March 1 now amount to \$39,500,000.

London, March 7.—The Daily Mail's Chefoo correspondent describes a visit he made to Chemulpo. He says the country thence to Ping Yang is impassable owing to the thaw. The villages are deserted and horses and provisions cannot be obtained, everything having been bought up by the Japanese.

"I am informed," says the correspondent, "that there will be no advance until 100,000 men have been concentrated at Ping Yang. It is thawing inland and the waterways have greatly helped the transportation arrangements. The Japanese are busy at every landing

and are buying all suitable craft along the coast.

At noon Friday, the transport steamers, conveyed by the cruiser Takao and two torpedo boats, landed men and stores 10 miles below Hwangjd. Cossacks are keeping a sharp watch on the Japanese movements."

St. Petersburg, March 5.—The Russian commandant at Vladivostok has issued a proclamation warning the inhabitants within a 17-mile radius to leave immediately, taking their personal effects but no food stores nor cattle.

This proclamation is regarded as evidence that the Russians expect an early attack upon Vladivostok.

It is known that a part of the Japanese fleet was dispatched in the direction of Vladivostok and it is reported to have been seen in that vicinity, but its movements have been shrouded in secrecy. The harbor is ice-bound, but the Russians have been breaking the ice so as to enable their vessels to get out.

If Port Arthur should be taken by the Japanese or abandoned by the Russians, Vladivostok will be the next point of naval attack, and the action taken by the commandant is indicative of a fear that it may be near at hand.

St. Petersburg, March 5.—An officer of the Russian cruiser Pallada in describing the first Japanese attack on Port Arthur, writes a denial of the story that the Russian officers were ashore, and asserts that the Japanese used false lights. At 11 o'clock that night a practice drill to repel torpedo attacks was executed by the Russian fleet and at midnight four Russian torpedo boats that had simulated the enemy headed back toward Dalny. The crews of the fleet retired.

The captain of the Pallada had descended from the bridge where he had been for a last look, when ships' lights, white above red, according to the Russian method, were observed. The captain supposed they were Russian boats returning from the drill until he noticed a different style of attack that was being followed.

The crews were then called to quarters; the guns were loaded with grape and fire was opened. A terrific explosion under the Pallada submerged the cruisers deck but did not stop the firing or maneuvering. Measures were taken at once to close the breach. Soon after torpedoes were exploded under the Retvizan and the Czarivitch. This ended the attack.

St. Petersburg, March 5.—The number of Jews being sent to the front by the Russian government is utterly disproportionate to the proportion of Hebrews to the entire population. It is estimated that fully 12 per cent. of the reinforcements to the ranks of the army are Jews and over 30,000 of them are now proceeding to the scene of operations to take part in the war against Japan. No other class in Russia has contributed so largely in proportion to its numbers.

Notwithstanding these proofs of loyalty, popular hatred of the Jews continues unabated and fears are entertained that wholesale massacre of the Jews will occur at the Easter holidays.

Astoria, March 5.—Portland Journal: While attempting to board the steamship Claverling yesterday morning as she lay off the mouth of the river, outside of the lights, George Woods, bar pilot, fell overboard into the rolling sea. When rescued he was almost exhausted, and could not have survived much longer.

In company with others, Pilot Woods was in a small boat which was conveying them to the Claverling. Arriving along side of the big liner a stepladder was put out for him to climb up and get aboard. In some manner he missed his footing and fell, and was soon battling with the waves. He was carried some distance from the ship, and about half the time was hidden from view by the raging sea. Those occupying the small boat went in pursuit of the almost-drowned man, and they finally succeeded in pulling him aboard, more dead than alive. He soon revived, however, and then the officers and crew assisted him in boarding the steamer. After changing clothes and hovering around a hot fire for a time he recovered from his experience.