



## CRUISER'S BOILER BURSTS; 4 KILLED

### Explosion on Tennessee Creates Havoc.

## MEN LITERALLY COOKED ALIVE

### Admiral Sebree Escapes by a Margin of Seconds.

## TWO ARE FATALLY INJURED

### Speed Trial Interrupted by Bursting of Boiler-Tube Just After Inspection—Survivors Act Like Heroes.

**DISASTER AND ITS CAUSE.**  
Killed, 4.  
Injured, 10.  
Cause: Explosion of boiler tube, spraying flood of steam through fire-room, scattering hot ashes and cinders among firemen.  
Damage: Prompt action with fire hose quickly extinguishes fire and prevents spread of damage. Damage not great.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., June 5.—While the United States armored cruiser Tennessee was steaming at 19 knots per hour on speed trial off Point Hueneme, Cal., at 11:08 this morning, a steam pipe in the starboard engine-room burst under a 235-pound pressure, killing four men and injuring ten others—all of the men in the compartment at the time. Two of the injured will die.

The explosion, the cause of which is yet unknown, occurred only a few minutes after Admiral Uriel Sebree, Captain J. B. Howard and Chief Engineer Robertson had left the engine-room on a tour of inspection. Four of the men were killed instantly and two more are expected to die at any moment.

**The Dead.**  
George Wood, water-tender, Scranton, Pa.  
E. C. Boggs, second-class fireman, Woodlawn, Ala.  
A. Reinhold, machinist's mate, second-class, Germany.  
George W. Meek, fireman, first-class, Skidmore, Kan.

**The Injured.**  
Fatally injured, who died later:  
S. Stenatis, first-class fireman, Norfolk, Va.  
F. S. Maxfield, second-class fireman, Troughs, Chester County, Pa.  
Seriously injured:  
E. J. Burns, coal-passer, New York.  
Walter S. Burns, coal-passer, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
J. P. A. Carroll, fireman, second-class, Hartford, Conn.

**Slightly Injured:**  
R. W. Watson, fireman, second-class, East St. Louis, Ill.  
H. F. Rutledge, coal-passer, Athens, Ga.  
G. M. Corns, fireman, second-class, Ironton, O.  
A. Hayes, water-tender, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
H. Fitzpatrick, fireman, first-class, Brooklyn, N. Y.

There were 14 men in the fire-room when the plug, which is four inches in diameter and enclosed with water inside the boiler, blew out, driving a torrent of scalding steam, coal-dust, cinders and hot ashes out through the ash-pit and showering the half-naked men. A blast from the steam ventilators told those on deck of the accident. Lieutenant-Commander S. S. Robertson, the navigator, instantly sounded a general alarm and dropped 20 lines of hose ready for instant use in case of fire. Within the doomed fire-room, No. 3, amidships on the starboard side, which is one of the inclosed fire compartments, the surviving seamen were fighting for life.

Reinhold and Meek were struck dead at their posts. Boggs and Wood crawled or were dragged into the adjoining fire-room, No. 11, and died almost immediately.

The surviving seamen, all of whom received some injuries, acted with the greatest heroism, aiding their unfortunate mates.

**Sebree Narrowly Escapes.**  
Rear-Admiral Sebree escaped death or serious injury in the fated fire-pit by a mere moment's time. He had left the room where the explosion occurred not 50 seconds before the fatal blast.

The Admiral stood in the engine-room adjoining the fire-room with Chief Engineer Robertson and Captain Howard. His first intimation of the tragedy was as he mounted the ladder and a half-naked fireman flashed past him suffering from severe scalds.

When the smoke came from the fire-room the fire call was sounded and all the crew went to their stations in perfect order, silently, and in a few seconds 15 to 20 lines of hose were ready to turn on the fire.

Several of the crew behaved with heroism and will be reported to the department later when full particulars are known.

Inspection has been under way for more than two hours, the engines, boilers and all the machinery working per-

## COWBOYS' RACE RESULTS IN TIE

### WYKERT AND WORKMAN RIDE INTO DENVER TOGETHER.

### Agree in Interest of Humanity to Horses, Which Show No Exhaustion—Great Speed Made.

DENVER, June 5.—Frank T. Wykert, of Severance, Colo., and Charles F. Workman, of Cody, Wyo., riding together, finished the endurance horse race from Evanston, Wyo., to Denver at 2:35 this afternoon. Both rode bronchos. Wykert, who weighs 193 pounds, was on Sam, weight 911 pounds, and Workman, weighing 160 pounds, rode Teddy, 1925 pounds. The racers were accompanied from the



Frank H. Hitchcock, Manager of Taft's Case in Contests at Chicago.

city limits by an escort of horsemen and a detail of mounted police. The streets through which they rode were so densely lined with spectators that it was impossible to ride at great speed.

Sam appeared to be in better condition than Teddy at the finish, but neither horse was exhausted.

They had come from Cheyenne, Wyo., a distance of 104 miles, since 6 o'clock last evening, and from Greeley, Colo., 52 miles, since 7 o'clock this morning.

The race began Saturday morning, May 30, at 6 o'clock, and the distance ridden was 597 miles. Twenty-five horses started and all had dropped out up to last night. Five left Cheyenne last evening, but three of these were unable to keep up the fast pace set by Sam and Teddy.

At Henderson, 115 miles out of Denver, Wykert and Workman agreed, on the advice of the officers of the Colorado Humane Society, who were watching the race, and of all concerned, to call the result a tie and divide first honors and money prize. Coming into Henderson, both horses were going at a terrific pace, Workman leading by a few yards.

James Edwards, of Diamondville, Wyo., riding Sorrel Clipper, passed under the wire here at 8:40 P. M., capturing third. Kern, of Colorado City, the oldest rider in the race, reached the finishing point on Dex at 9:15 P. M., taking fourth. The mounts were in good condition.

A great crowd greeted them, and Kern was carried from his horse on the shoulders of the more enthusiastic.

## MAYOR BUSSE MARRIED

### Takes Great Pains to Keep Secret of Intentions.

CHICAGO, June 5.—Mayor Fred S. Busse was married on April 12 to Miss Josephine Lee, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Judge Theodore Brentano, there being but five persons in all present at the time of the marriage.

## FIRST CONTESTS DECIDED FOR TAFT

### He Wins Both Alabama and Arkansas.

## PROTEST COMES FROM ALLIES

### Object to Taft's Managers Sitting on Committee.

## THEY MEET QUICK DEFEAT

### First Day's Session Adds 24 Votes to Taft Column—Today Contests for 34 Seats Will Be Heard.

CHICAGO, June 5.—Without roll calls the Republican National committee tonight decided the contests from Alabama and Arkansas, involving 24 seats in the Republican National convention, in favor of the delegates instructed for Secretary Taft. The victory for the Secretary's forces was sweeping, not even a division being required to determine the will of the committee. Contests from Florida, Georgia and Kentucky will be heard tomorrow, the total number of seats affected being 34. Taft Men on Committee.

The proceedings today would have been devoid of interest had it not been for an effort to prevent Frank H. Hitchcock, the Taft manager; Arthur F. Statter, ex-Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Charles G. Phelps, of Washington, both assistants to Mr. Hitchcock, from sitting in judgment on the contests. These men held proxies of the members of the National committee from New Mexico, Alaska and North Dakota, respectively. Their entrance into the executive session of the National committee provoked Joseph B. Keating, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, manager for Vice-President Fairbanks, and Representative James Francis Burke, of Pennsylvania, who acts for Senator Philander C. Knox, to make vehement protests from the outside.

## Protest From Allies.

After a hurried conference among representatives of all the anti-Taft forces, it was decided to reduce the protest to writing and have it presented to the committee before the contests were taken up. When this had been done, the protest was sent to W. F. Aldrich, formerly a member of Congress from Alabama and one of the contesting delegates-at-large from the Scott-Davidson anti-Taft delegation from that state. It recited the fact that Mr. Hitchcock is directly interested in the management of one of the candidates directly involved in the case and "therefore disqualified to sit in judgment" upon it. It also declares that Mr. Hitchcock does not reside in the territory he claims to represent and is not a regularly or properly chosen National committeeman from that territory. Messrs. Statter and Phelps were termed "employees," instead of "managers" for one of the candidates.

## Says They Are Interested.

Mr. Aldrich presented the protest to the committee and stated that he did not regard it as proper that they should be compelled to present their arguments

## ROOSEVELT WILL HUNT IN AFRICA

### PLANS TRIP INTO WILDS WITH SON KERMIT.

### Sail for Cairo Next April in Quest of Big Game—Visit No Other Country.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Important significance in connection with President Roosevelt's determination against a third term is contained in the admission, made today for the first time, that he is making definite plans to leave the United States in April next year for Africa, where he will spend a year hunting big game. Rumors that Mr. Roosevelt was to leave the country at the conclusion of his term of office have been printed heretofore. When information has been sought at the White House, the answer has been that no definite conclusion had been reached as to the President's plans. But today it was stated that President Roosevelt, with his son Kermit, would sail for Cairo in April, 1909, just as soon as the necessary arrangements for the departure could be made after the 4th of March.

It is the desire of the President to bring back at the end of the year from the wilds of Africa specimens of every species of big game to be had on the Dark Continent. He will visit no other country, it is stated.

The President will devote much of his time to the study of the habits of animals, collecting material for a book, which, it is believed, he will write upon his return.

## BABE IN DESERTED HOUSE

### Policeman Rescues Mite Left Alone by Parents.

A baby less than 2 years old, which could neither talk nor walk, or in any manner make known its wants, was taken from the residence of M. Kocovic, 1294 Union avenue, last night by Patrolman Drugg, who had to climb through a window to reach the crying infant. Its parents could not be found and the neighbors complained to the police that the child had been left without attention and without food since 9 o'clock in the morning. They further alleged that the parents of the child left it in this manner almost daily and on their representations the policeman took the infant and turned it over to the Baby Home.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning the mother of the child called the police station on the phone and admitted that she had left it alone during the time stated by the neighbors, because she, said she, had to go to help her husband, who conducts a restaurant at 423 Washington street. She was told where her child had been taken.

## AUTO RECORDS BROKEN

### Mile at Rate 92.6 Miles an Hour at Jamaica.

NEW YORK, June 5.—Road records for automobiles were broken today during the races held in connection with the subway opening at Jamaica, L. I.

One mile over a road in 32.35 seconds was made by a car owned by Harry Levery and driven by Herman Kilpatrick. This was at the rate of 92.6 miles an hour.

The best time for two miles was made by Kilpatrick—one mile, 19 1/2 seconds.

## ROOT GOING INTO TRAINING

### Will Soon Start North for Physical Recreation.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Secretary Root will leave here June 29 and spend several weeks at a training establishment and then go to his farm near Utica for the rest of the season.

## MONTANA CUT OFF BY RAGING RIVERS

### Rising Floods Break All Communication.

## RAILROADS GIVE UP FIGHT

### Northern Pacific Loses 150 Miles of Track.

## PEOPLE DRIVEN TO HILLS

### Great Steel Bridges Washed Out. Wires Down on All Sides—Power-Dams Are in Danger—The Deluge Still Continues.

MISSOULA, Mont., June 5.—At 5 o'clock this evening the flood situation in Western Montana is growing more serious each minute. Helena is cut off from the outside world. She is without railway, telegraph or telephone communication. For a short time this afternoon there was a telephone connection and at the time it was learned that all of the streams in Helena and vicinity are overflowing and that there has been much damage to farms and considerable loss of livestock.

The Great Northern's branch lines are out of service and the main line in Northern Montana is cut in several places. The first train started eastward out of Spokane over the Great Northern is now tied up. There is no communication either by rail or telegraph.

## Streams Still Rising.

All streams continue to rise. The Big Blackfoot River is nearing its highest flood mark.

The Northern Pacific has lost several miles of track east of here during the day. At Bonita, Nimrod and Bearmouth, the telegraph operators have been compelled to leave their posts, driven out by the rising waters. At Garrison nearly all the residents have fled from their homes and are camped upon the hills in the rain.

None of the dams on the river have given way, though the power-dam owned by ex-Senator William A. Clark, above Missoula, is reported to be in a critical condition.

This afternoon the Northern Pacific released by wagon transfer 200 of the passengers that have been marooned east of here. They will be sent to Spokane on a made-up train.

## Reitman Almost Mobbbed.

Among the passengers who have been water-bound and who came in this afternoon is Emma Goldman, the Anarchist lecturer. She is now in Missoula. An attempt was made to have Miss Goldman address the passengers at Drummond, but the passengers would not permit it.

Dr. Reitman, Miss Goldman's manager, had a narrow escape from rough treatment during one of the early days of the delay. He was smoking in the observation-car of the marooned train when some ladies asked him to stop. He refused and his manner was very offensive. A man who noticed the incident scored Reitman roundly and threatened to thrash him if

## OTHERFOLKS' CASH SPENT ON WIDOW

### MYSTERY OF MONTGOMERY'S STEALING COMES TO LIGHT.

### Pittsburg Defaulter Gambling Not Only in Mining Stocks, but Women's Charms.

PITTSBURG, Pa., June 5.—(Special.)—The romance of Cashier "Billie" Montgomery, all-round sport, confirmed bachelor and rouser, who is now in the county jail while the receiver of the Allegheny National Bank figures out how much more than \$1,250,000 his accounts at the bank are short, seems likely to be told in its entirety, as the result of a discovery made in the investigation of the books of the wrecked bank.

Montgomery has been accused of gambling in mining stocks, of extravagance and of juggling bills, but he always has been thought free from entanglements with women. Entries in his books show the payment of \$5000 within a few months of his arrest, and larger amounts during the year preceding, to a splendid, dashing young widow.

## WILL DECIDE AFTER JULY 1

### Interstate Commission to Act on Lumber Rate Cases.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., D. C., June 5.—It is doubtful if the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Pacific Coast lumber rate cases will be rendered much before July 1.

Several weeks' work remains to be done, although every effort is being made to expedite these decisions. It is proposed to announce simultaneously the decision in all the Pacific Coast lumber rate cases, as the points involved are practically the same in all.

## REIGN IS NEARING END

### Shah of Persia "Going to the Dogs" Post Haste.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 5.—The situation in Persia, according to reports received here, is steadily going from bad to worse and a dispatch that came in today has aroused apprehension of a speedy end to the reign of Shah Mohammed Ali Mirza, and the possibility of dual intervention. Responsibility for this state of affairs is attributed largely to the Shah himself, who, to use the phrase of a representation of the Russian Foreign Office, is "going to the dogs as fast as he can."

## LAST OF FESTIVAL PARADES IS BEST

### Crowds Cheer Pageant of Rex Oregonus.

## GLIMAX OF WEEK'S FESTIVAL

### Officers of Navy and Society Leaders at Armory Ball.

## MERRYMAKERS IN STREETS

### Festival Spirit Rampant in Gaily Lighted Thoroughfares—Big Allegorical Procession Captures the Public.

## REX OREGONUS REVEALED.

Last night at the masked ball at the Armory, Rex Oregonus, the Festival King, whose identity has heretofore been unrevealed and a source of much mystery, unmasked. He proved to be H. C. McAllister, Master Fish Warden of the state.

Portland's loyalty to the rose reign is unflinching. The enthusiasm of the public in all the events of festival week is without end.

From 50,000 to 75,000 people were out again last night to behold the biggest and last of the illuminated Festival pageants. There was no falling away of attendance or interest after the fatiguing turmoil of five days of almost continuous merry-making. The streets presented the same banked-in aspect that has become characteristic on any and all festive occasions. The same full share of applause was given out along the entire route to the more interesting features of the column.

## Everything in Parade Is New.

Last night's parade, marking the official climax of the second annual Rose Festival, was planned and carried out on a basis worthy of the closing. The historical and allegorical floats were something that had not been seen before in the week's parades. Every float was new. Even the Festival King and Queen had new chariots. The illuminations were brighter even than on Tuesday night.

The Festival ball at the Armory commenced at the same hour with the parade and there was a large and brilliant assemblage of people at that affair. The ball proved a distinctive social success and the big dance floor at the Armory was fairly crowded with dancers. To those who attended the function it was one of the most delightful events of festival week. Naval officers from the squadron now in Port were guests of honor at the ball.

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