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## EYE-WITNESS PORT ARTHUR

American Steamer Pleiades Was Near to the Great Battle Throughout.

JAPANESE MAKE ANOTHER TRY AT BOTTLING HARBOR.

The Czar Practicing Economy for the Benefit of the Red Cross—Russian Papers Say Interest in the War is Flagging—Hustling and Baiting Russian Jews—Two Jap Steamers Ashore in Yellow Sea—Russians Build Drydock.

Port Townsend, March 28.—The American steamer Pleiades was the only American ship to witness the bombardment of Port Arthur. She arrived here this morning.

The Pleiades arrived at Port Arthur the morning of February 7 and the torpedo attack which marked the beginning of hostilities was made at 11 o'clock the night of the 9th.

The populace was first warned by the firing from the Russian fleet endeavoring to repel the advance of the Japanese torpedo boats, which sneaked in and damaged the Russian ships, causing three to run ashore to prevent sinking and the Russian squadron then drew back.

There were no further hostilities until 11 the morning of the 9th. The bombardment was then opened by the Japanese and continued 48 minutes. The Russians made a good stand, but did not get the proper range, and did no damage.

Shells dropped all over the city wounding many non-combatants and damaging houses. The populace was panic stricken.

Shells dropped all about the Pleiades. None did damage, but one burst close and hundreds of fragments dropped on the deck.

The officers learned that 23 were killed, and 50 wounded in the city, aside from the non-combatants, none of whom were killed. The distance of the Japanese fleet from the fort at the time of the bombardment was four to eight miles.

There was slight firing three nights after the main fight, but no damage was done.

Arrived in Manchuria.  
Rome, March 28.—The Agenzia Lopera reports General Kouropatkin's arrival at Liao Yang, Manchuria.

Czar's Self-Denial.  
St. Petersburg, March 28.—The czar, following the example of the Russian workmen, most of whom contributed 7 per cent of their wages to the war fund, has ordered himself daily expenses cut at least 40 rubles daily, the proceeds to go to the Red Cross. He has declined himself liquors and state dishes, such as caviare, sardines, which are more expensive than meat in Russia, and curtailed his daily supply of cigars. The czar is served only on state occasions.

The newspaper Novosti, however, complains that public interest in the war is flagging, particularly noticeable in diminished contributions to the Red Cross funds.

Niu Chwang in War Zone.  
Washington, March 28.—A Japanese report that Niu Chwang is declared within the zone of war interpreted by the state department. Another was received by it some days ago in which it was said the Russians had served notice to consuls that the mouth of Lio river has been mined.

Bottling Works in Operation.  
Tokio, March 28.—According to Japanese accounts Admiral Togo made a successful attempt to bottle Port Arthur Sunday. Four steamers were sunk across the mouth of the harbor. Later in the day the Japanese battleships began another bombardment.

Dry Dock for Port Arthur.  
St. Petersburg, March 28.—Orders are about to be given the workshops at Soronovo for the construction of an immense dry dock for Port Arthur, to be completed in four months. A Port Arthur dispatch this morning states the damage done, the torpedo boat Sila, was in the steering gear of the steamship connection.

A Japanese named Skeda was arrested for taking photographs of the town of Chata, near the Manchurian frontier, and compromising papers were found upon him.

Persecuting the Jews.  
London, March 28.—The Central News at Vienna, quotes a Kishineff dispatch stating that Prince Tsesarevich of Bessarabia, declined a petition that deportation of the Jews be postponed until after the Passover. All Jews within a radius of 50 versts of the western frontier, must remove to the interior, adding to the congestion within the pale.

Two Steamers Ashore.  
Yokohama, March 28.—The Japanese steamer Yan Yu Maru is ashore near the island of Quelpaert, at the entrance to the Yellow Sea. The steamer Aki Maru also struck a rock, but was able to make port Hamilton in a leaking condition.

White Mouse Clerk Suicides.  
Washington, March 28.—Charles Forester, until recently a clerk at the White House, and brother of Rudolf Forester, one of the president's assistant secretaries, killed himself by shooting this morning at his home at Kensington, Md., a suburb of Washington.

## STATE OF WAR IN COLORADO

Unionists Quietly Notified They Must Not Go on President Myer's Security.

ONLY A CASH BOND CAN GET HIM OUT OF JAIL.

Continual Deportations of Labor Leaders Are in Progress and Still More Will Be Made—Some Exiles Are Returning and Hiding—Press Censorship Is Strict—House to House Raids for Firearms Are Made Daily.

Telluride, Col., March 28.—At noon President Myer, of the Western Federation of Miners, was unable to secure bondsmen, and is still a prisoner in the county jail. The unionists who own property and are willing to become securities, have been quietly informed that to go on Myer's bond will make them persona non grata.

The federation will probably arrange a cash bond this afternoon. Secretary and Treasurer Forbes, of the Telluride union, was deported, but returned last night, and was arrested. Three other exiles returned, but have thus far been able to elude the militia.

More Deportations.  
Telluride, Col., March 28.—Further deportations of strike leaders, national and district, it is understood, will be made tonight.

House to house raids for firearms continue in the small towns of Las Animas county. At one house the troops were refused admittance because a child had been taken with diphtheria. The doors were broken down. The press censorship continues strict.

CHICAGO MAY LOSE IT.  
Must Hustle, or Republican Convention Will Go Elsewhere.

Chicago, March 28.—The subcommittee of the national republican convention met today to discuss the ultimatum delivered to the local party men that Chicago must deposit \$15,000 or lose the convention. Searchlight made today by this notice, it is declared by the local people that the money will be forthcoming, although it is denied that any promise of that kind has been made.

An executive session will be held. The hotel men are aroused, as they stand a chance of losing \$50,000.

SINGLE STATEHOOD.  
Indian Territory-Oklahoma and Arizona-New Mexico.

Washington, March 28.—Favorable report made today by the senate committee on judiciary on Hoar's bill, providing death penalty for presidential protection.

The states of Oklahoma and Arizona are created in the bill completed by the republican members of the subcommittee of the house committee on territories, composed of Oklahoma and Indian territory, and Arizona and New Mexico.

SENTENCED TO HANG.  
Carbarn Murderers Will Be Executed April 22.

Chicago, March 28.—Neidermeyer and Marx, carbarners, were today sentenced to hang April 22 for the murder of a woman and child who disappeared two months ago. The sentence was passed. A big crowd rushed to the railings when they passed out and the deputies fought back. The mothers of Vandine and Neidermeyer were present, the former bowing in grief, the latter apparently unimpressed.

Wheat Crop Outlook.  
Kansas City, March 28.—Crop prospects are reported as generally improved in the southwestern and northeastern parts of winter wheat belts, where the appearance of the plant was the poorest at the close of the winter. Late rains have greatly benefited the crop in these sections as well as elsewhere.

Five Deaths in Nine Weeks.  
Boston, Mass., March 28.—Timothy Daly, a brother of the comedian, Dan Daly, who died Sunday, died this morning. There have been five deaths in the family in nine weeks.

Artesian Water in Kilkittat.  
W. F. Crowe and Jesse Ferney returned yesterday from Castle Rock where they went to inspect the artesian well which had just been finished on property in Kilkittat county, where a number of Walla Walla people are interested in an irrigation scheme. The seven-inch well has a depth of 165 feet, and flows from the surface in a strong stream. A perpendicular pipe 15 feet long was attached to the casing, and the water readily flowed from the top of it, the pressure seeming to be as strong as it was at the surface of the ground—Walla Walla Union.

Baker County Sheep Have Scab.  
Ever with an eye out to prevent the spread of scab among the sheep bands of Baker county Jonathan H. Parker, county stock inspector, has quarantined the Oscar Jacobson band ranging in the district known as "Maggie".

The band will not be allowed to leave their present range until the sheep are properly dipped, when the sheep will be allowed to range after lambing and shearing.

Other bands will be required to steer clear of the infected sheep—Baker City Democrat.

## PRINEVILLE, WILLIAMSON'S HOME, IS DIVIDED.

Wheeler Nominates Full Set of County Officials From Moody Faction—Gilliam and Sherman Will Send Moody Delegates to State Convention and Crook Will Not Be Solid for Williamson, From Present Indications.

The Dalles, March 28.—At the primaries held on Saturday, in the interior counties in the second congressional district, Wheeler, Sherman and Gilliam counties went for Malcolm A. Moody for congress, and Crook county, Williamson's home, showed a decided gain in Moody strength.

In Prineville, the home of Williamson, it was expected that he would have a clean sweep, the delegation is divided and part of it will cast its ballots for Moody in the congressional convention.

Wheeler county nominated a full county ticket (Moody to the backbone) and Sherman county elected Moody delegates to the county convention, which will nominate Moody men to all county offices.

In northern Crook county the Moody faction carried the day with ease while the southern portion of the county was divided.

The returns so far are highly encouraging to the Moody forces, who now hope to be able to nominate Mr. Moody for congress, with the help to be added at the county primaries yet to be held in the district.

## RAY MOVER.

J. O. Bloucher is Still in a Very Critical Condition.

J. O. Bloucher, who lost his arm under a train Thorne Hollow, and is now at the hospital, is still in a very critical condition, but has a chance for life. He was able to eat a little this morning, and it is thought by the physicians that he will recover if he is able to live through the next three or four days.

## WILD MAN AT LARGE.

Terrorizing People of Coos County—Is an Unkempt Giant.

Roseburg, Or., March 28.—A wild man is reported at large in the mountains of Coos county, terrorizing people of Coos county, and has been seen at least seven times, muscular and unkempt. He has been seen terrorizing ranchers and miners until today they are discussing an organized hunt.

He has been shot at twice without effect. He is believed to be an insane specimen of gigantic stature.

## BALCONKEEPER SHOT.

His Life Had Been Threatened Many Times.

Everett, Wash., March 28.—Jack Lebert, a saloonkeeper at Bryan Wash., whose life has been threatened many times, was shot through the heart and instantly killed last night by unknown persons, while locking up his saloon. His was the only saloon in town, and his license was granted a short time ago in spite of a protest signed by every citizen.

## Great Texas Drought.

Port Worth, Texas, March 28.—The ranchers of Western Texas are alarmed at losses from drought. Thousands of cattle are dying.

## Admiral Coghlin to New York.

Washington, March 28.—It has been practically decided that Rear Admiral Coghlin, commanding the New York navy yard, Jewell to relieve Coghlin.

## SEVEN INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY.

DUNNINGHAM AND HIS "DUMMIES" ARE HELD.

Federal Grand Jury Finds Sufficient Evidence to Hold Umatilla County People Charged With Defrauding the Government in Land Filings—Government Will Make Strong Effort to Convict, in View of the Brazen Corruption in Oregon Land Matters.

On Saturday evening at the close of one of the busiest days of the session of the federal grand jury at Portland returned indictments against Charles Cunningham, Mark Shackelford, Asa Rayburn, Dallas Oriara, Glen Salling, Shelby Jones and Kate James, all of this county, for conspiracy to defraud the government in the land fraud cases which were developed at the A. B. Thomson trial in December.

Judge George A. Hartman and Joe Parkes, who witnessed some of the filing papers for those indicted, were completely exonerated, they being in no possible way connected with the cases, except as notaries, who by chance witnessed a portion of the papers.

The evidence against those indicted was practically the same as was introduced in the Thomson trial, the defendants then acknowledging that they did not know the nature of the affidavits they made when filing.

The indictments cause no surprise to those who were familiar with the evidence in the Thomson case, and owing to the flagrant and bold land frauds, in and out of the land office in Oregon, the government will make a strong effort to convict all those indicted.

## Poison Expert Testifies.

San Francisco, March 28.—The morning session of the Botkin trial was consumed by arguments over the testimony of Professor Thomas Price, a poison expert. The defense claims there is no proof that the candy handed over to him for analysis was of the same batch as that received at Dover. The court will pass on the question later.

## SENATOR BURTON IS FOUND GUILTY

Alas for "the Silver-Tongued" Redeemer of the Fair Fame of the Jayhawker State.

TERMS OF PENALTY WHICH MAY FOLLOW.

Motion Made at Once for a New Trial—Burton Cannot Succeed Himself, as Conviction Not Only Vacates the Office, But Disqualifies From Holding Office—A Swarm of Candidates Already After the Job of United States Senator.

St. Louis, March 28.—The jury in the Burton case at 12:30 returned a verdict of guilty.

The senator was found guilty on six counts, several being dismissed during the trial. A motion for a new trial was immediately filed.

The senator spent a sleepless night at his hotel, and was nervously twisting his mustache when he appeared in court when notified of the agreement of the jury. Upon the announcement of the verdict, he trembled slightly and spoke to his attorney in a whisper, sank back in his chair and buried his face in his hands.

## Terms of Legal Penalty.

The maximum penalty is a fine of \$10,000 and two years in the penitentiary and perpetual disqualification from holding public office. The sentence will be fixed by Judge Adams.

## Figuring on Burton's Successor.

Topeka, Kan., March 28.—Pending confirmation of the Burton conviction it is not probable Governor Bailey will take any action toward either appointing his successor or convening the legislature in special session to fill the vacancy. The conviction makes Burton an impossibility to succeed himself, hence these men are now talking of to take his seat in the senate: Congressman Bowersock, Curtis and Caldwell, ex-Governor Stanley, Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow and Cyrus Lealand. There is much excitement throughout the state.

## SOUTHERN STORM.

Damage Will Aggregate \$250,000 in Louisville, Ky., March 28.—It is believed the damage throughout the South due to the storm now raging will aggregate \$1,000,000. Here the property loss is \$250,000. Fifty residences were unroofed and churches and distilleries damaged.

## TURKS MOBILIZING.

Movement Made Necessary by the Balkan Revolt.

Constantinople, March 28.—Orders have been issued for the immediate mobilization in Syria of eight classes of reserves, destined of his "kendi" but they are believed to be destined for the concentration movement proceeding in the Balkans.

## MURDER AND SUICIDE.

English Town Furnishes the Latest Uncanny Sensation.

London, March 28.—The police a laensalrize this morning found a trunk in a house, containing the bodies of a woman and child who disappeared two months ago. The remains were covered with seaweed. A lodger named Crossman in respect of the murderers. When arrested was attempted the man dashed into the streets, where he was pursued by a crowd. Seeing escape impossible, Crossman drew a razor and cut his throat and died at the feet of the officers. The police are digging for the bodies of the child and the belief that other bodies are buried.

## DECISION FOR BRITT.

Limit Was Twenty Rounds, Closed With Seventeen.

Woodward's Pavilion, San Francisco, March 28.—James Britt, of California, was given the decision last night over William Rothwell, better known as "Young Corbett," of Colorado, in a 20-round contest.

Up to the 17th round Corbett's advantage was apparent, but in that round Britt rallied and rained right and left on various portions of Corbett's anatomy, forcing the champion to clinch to save himself.

## MINNEAPOLIS DECISION RENDERED.

Concerning Decorative Work.

St. Paul, March 28.—A decision was handed down today that artistic work is not subject to the rules governing the work of artists. The Minnesota state capitol commission awarded a New York firm a big contract for mural decorations. The Painters' Union sought an injunction on the ground that no bide had been asked. The court overruled on the ground that the work is purely artistic.

## Spanish Village Sinking.

Madrid, March 28.—Persistent rains today resulted in the sinking of a portion of the village of Cuevas. There were 32 casualties.

## Danger Over at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, March 28.—The flood situation this morning shows the danger has passed. Urban transportation lines are entirely flooded. The total loss in the city is upwards of \$1,000,000.

## OREGON WILL BE IRRIGATED, SURE

F. H. Newell Says Work of Survey and Investigation Must Proceed Cautiously.

DAMS AND CANALS MUST BE UNPERISHABLE.

Oregon Laws Must Be Revised to Conform to Later Ideals of Irrigation—Engineers Are Proceeding With Caution and Secrecy in Order to Prevent Speculation on Intended Tracts—Work Must All Be Done in a Thorough Manner.

In speaking of the progress and probability of irrigation work, under government control, in Oregon, F. H. Newell, chief hydrographer of the United States, said yesterday to the Washington correspondent of the Oregonian:

"The work of the reclamation service in Oregon is being carried on rapidly, but quietly, and efforts are being made to bring about construction of large works which will reclaim extensive areas of arid land."

"In planning structures which will last for ages, great care is necessary, and the details must be worked out with a thoroughness far beyond that employed in temporary structures. The greatest economy, as well as stability, is secured after the plan is well outlined and they can be considered piece by piece with reference to the material to be used."

"Even such points as the sliding surfaces of the gates must be worked out with reference to the pressure put upon them and the friction of the water on the concrete and steel. There are fumes and pressure pipes to be planned to suit the ground, waste and distributing gate, and the details of detail which are appreciated only when one actually goes upon the work."

"In Oregon reclamation must proceed under the hands of the engineer, and the material has been secured as well as the most of the irrigable lands, and have passed into private control."

"The laws governing the appropriation and use of water are by no means perfect, and there are many difficult and involved legal questions arising out of the project which must be solved. Many of these matters can only be satisfactorily adjusted by persistent effort, and some of the details must be taken into consideration every resource has been exhausted."

"All of this work must be carried on quietly, as in the case of any great enterprise in order not to attract the attention of the speculative element who seek opportunities of government lands."

"Publicity always brings forward a vast number of inquiries and attempts by people to settle upon the land before it is definitely known whether the particular tracts can be irrigated."

"The engineers, if they were compelled to answer the questions of the public, would hardly be able to proceed at all. Very effort, therefore, is being made to push the work forward as quietly as possible, and to reach definite conclusions reached."

## GEORGE COLLINS HUNG.

Murdered a Detective Who Attempted to Arrest Him.

Union, Mo., March 28.—George Collins, alias Fred Lewis, was hanged 1:30 for participation in the murder of Detective Schumacher, near Stanton, January 25, 1903. The detective attempted to arrest Collins and was killed by a bullet fired by Collins. Collins was found guilty this afternoon and punishment fixed at death. The verdict was reached an hour after the drop fell with Collins. Just as the black cap was dropped the latter said, "Cut her loose, boys, and make a good job of it."

## MINE CAGE FALLS.

Five Men Fall Down a Thousand Foot Shaft.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 28.—A cage full of mine workers at the Dorsey collier fell, and several are reported killed.

## Four Known Dead.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 28.—It is known that four are dead, and probably a fifth victim will be found. The engineer failed to stop the car and it crashed into the steel wheel and fell back 1,000 feet below the surface. Five hundred miners, fearing an explosion, fled through a distant opening.

## Coastwise Trade Laws.

Washington, March 28.—The house committee on merchant marine has passed a bill extending the coastwise trade laws to the Philippines, but exempting the inter-island trade of the archipelago.

## Three Persons Asphyxiated.

New York, March 28.—Otto Grossman, aged 35; Minnie, his wife, aged 32; and Rosa Longseld, aged 23, were found dead in an apartment tenement this morning, asphyxiated by illuminating gas.

## GREAT DESTRUCTION VALUABLE PROPERTY.

Several Persons Are Killed and Many Injured—Hotels and Business Houses Unroofed, Wrecked and Collapsed—Telephone and Telephone Lines Down and Both Cities Cut Off From Outside World for Twelve Hours.

Chicago, March 28.—One dead and 15 injured is the known list of casualties resulting from the terrific tornado which swept the suburbs of Evanston to Indiana Harbor last night, causing a property loss of \$500,000. The latter town bore the brunt. Houses were unroofed and buildings blown down.

Louis Barker was killed, and a number injured in the collapse of a two-story building in East Chicago. Hammond, Thornton, Dauphin Park and other towns suffered severely.

Telephone and telephone wires were prostrated and Chicago was practically isolated for 12 hours.

## Two Fatally Injured.

St. Louis, March 28.—Half million damage was done and two persons were fatally injured in last night's storm in Alia suburb.

The Pittsburgh Reduction Company's building was blown down. Several buildings of the St. Louis Fire works Company were destroyed. Dinner hall and a number of residences were demolished and a panic was created.

## FIRE ON BROADWAY.

In Heart of the Financial District—Great Excitement.

New York, March 28.—A serious fire started at noon in the basement of the building at 63 Broadway, occupied by the Morris European Express company. The flames have spread to the two adjoining Adams Express buildings. The Consolidated Stock Exchange, opposite, has suspended business.

At 1 o'clock the fire is under control. There was much excitement because of its location in the heart of the financial district. Bakers and broilers removed their valuable things from the building, and the big office building was emptied by order of the police.

The general offices of the Adams & Morris European-American Express companies are destroyed. The estimated losses foot \$1,000,000. Thousands of dollars worth of registered express and bullion were carried out in suit cases and baskets through the rear of the building. The Vello-Pargo people hauling out over 100,000 in cash.

## Heretics Defeated.

Berlin, March 28.—German troops have defeated the rebel Hereros at Omatako. Two Germans were killed, three wounded and 10 Hereros slain. The Germans also captured hundreds and several thousand cattle, and several thousand head of cattle.

## Aldermen Get New Trial.

Chicago, March 28.—The appellate court today granted a new trial to Aldermen Brennan and Charles McCarl, convicted of vote buying and sentenced to one year in the county prison.

## Twenty-four Were Killed.

Port Louis, Martinique, March 28.—Twenty-four were killed and immense damage done March 22 by the tornado that swept the island.

## Sir Edwin Arnold Dead.

London, March 28.—Sir Edwin Arnold, the well known author and journalist, seriously ill for some days, died this morning.

## THE BONTA ROAD WILL BE BUILT

MORTGAGE FOR \$50,000, FILED AT BAKER CITY

Proposed Electric Road Will Run From Baker City Southeast to Burns, a Distance of 84 Miles, With Numerous Branches—Funds Will Be Available April 1.—Road Will Open to Transportation 10,000,000 Acres of Land.

Baker City, March 28.—The big mortgage over filed in Baker county was presented to County Recorder Robert Henry at the courthouse yesterday for engrossment on the official records.

The mortgage is given by the Baker City-Oregon Wonder Electric Railway and Improvement Company by its president, James W. Bonta, and its secretary, W. G. Drowley, to the North American Trust Company of New York, for \$50,000.

The document secures the payment of \$50,000 worth of first mortgage bonds, bearing date September 1, 1903, payable in 15 years bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, the first interest payment being on the first day of March, 1904.

The bonds are issued in a series of \$1,000 each, and have been written by the above named trust company.

The mortgage covers the vast mineral estate owned by Major J. V. Bonta and his Pennsylvania associates in Grant and Baker county, and is given to secure the payment of money for the construction of the Baker City-Oregon Wonder Electric Railway from Baker to Prairie City, a distance of approximately 84 miles.

According to the terms of the contract, the funds for the construction of the Bonta road will be available by April 1, and work will begin on the grade at that time. The Bonta road is intended to be the main artery of a system of branches and spurs, ramifying through southeastern Oregon from Baker City to the Nevada line, and will open to transportation facilities over 10,000,000 acres of timber and agricultural land.

## COLORADO LABOR WAR IS RENEWED

A Vicious and Un-American Press Censorship by the Military at Telluride.

PRESUMPTUOUS ACTIONS LEAD TO MUCH SUFFERING.

Women and Helpless Babies Deported in a Blizzard and Suffer From Hunger and Cold—Are Cared for by the Federation of Miners—Operation Will Be Repeated With Other Victims—Citizens' Alliance Moving to Prevent Their Return.