



RUSSIAN CRUISER RURIK SUNK OFF VLADIVOSTOK

St. Petersburg Receives News of the Loss of the Pride of the Russian Fleet.

Bandits Are Following the Russian Army in Korea—Japanese Minister Says if Niu Chwang is Captured by the Japs the Port Will Be Immediately Opened to All Nations—Russia Would Borrow \$150,000,000—Czar Will Not Press Claims for Breach of Treaty Against Japan.

St. Petersburg, May 9.—A report is current here today that the Russian cruiser Rurik, of the Vladivostok squadron, has been destroyed, whether by accident or by a Japanese attack, is not stated.

The Rurik was an armored cruiser of 10,340 tons displacement, with a speed of 18.8 knots. She was armed with four 8-inch, 16 6-inch, six 4.7-inch and 18 smaller guns.

Says Port Arthur Can Resist. St. Petersburg, May 9.—In army circles the belief prevails that Port Arthur will be able to resist a land attack for six months. Yellowing cloth, similar to khaki, has been decided upon for summer clothing for Russian troops.

Will Not Press Charge. London, May 9.—Authoritative information is given out to the effect that Russia will not press a charge against the Japanese of alleged breach of international law by the first attack on Chemulpo, for the reason that the cables between Vladivostok and Port Arthur, in possession of the Japanese, showed that the Russians were prepared to attack Suocho with the Port Arthur fleet, February 13, without a preliminary declaration of war.

Niu Chwang to Be Opened. London, May 9.—Japanese Minister Hayashi today said that General Kuroki would probably clash with Kurapatkin's forces at Laivang and drive them back. In event of a Japanese occupation of Niu Chwang, a civil administration would immediately be appointed and the port opened to all nations. Togo will

Individual Communion Cup Question Discussed Much. Resolution Made. That American University at Washington Not Be Opened Until a Five Million Dollar Endowment Be Secured—Recollections Being Fought by Bishop McCabe, Present Chancellor.

Los Angeles, May 9.—The Methodist conference replied this morning to the attack made by Vicar Harnett, of the local Catholic church. Father Hartnett attacked the bishop's address, read at the conference Thursday. The attack referred to a section of the address declaring the Roman Catholic church detrimental to the public school system, reading of the Bible and supervision of political affairs.

This morning the conference passed a motion reiterating this particular section of the address and referred it to the committee of state of church.

Chancellor James R. Day, of the Syracuse university, introduced a resolution on the subject of the Methodist educators concerning the American University at Washington. The resolution contained the request that the university not be opened until \$5,000,000 endowment be secured.

The resolution was referred to the committee on education and will be fought by Bishop C. C. McCabe, present chancellor of the conference, who demands it be opened at once.

Individual Communion Cups. Fewer some time ago met with the Eastern conference, and refused to administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper because individual cups had been prepared, promises to stir up exciting scenes in the conference.

Twice today the matter came before the conference. Once an attempt was made to secure the passage of a resolution authorizing the use of individual cups, it failed.

Again the question was brought in a more radical manner. H. C. Clippinger, of Indiana, went so far as to ask that the official church papers be instructed to withdraw all advertisements of all individual communion services from the columns. His motion was laid on the table. There is a great division on the question.

Dr. Frank M. Bristol, the famous Boston divine, who was formerly President McKinley's pastor, used the individual cup in his church. He would not think of a change.

Confers with Roosevelt. Mitchell Meets President to Discuss Colorado Strike.

Washington, May 9.—John Mitchell had a long conversation with President Roosevelt today, regarding the strike situation in Colorado. He declined to discuss the nature of the conference, further than to say that the president agreed with him that the situation had become a most serious affair, in fact, very critical.

To Work in Beet Fields. Pocatello, May 9.—A party of Germans, consisting of 134 adults and 37 children, passed through here this morning en route from Nebraska to Blackfoot to work in the beet sugar fields. They are skilled in that class of work having previously been engaged in the beet sugar fields in the vicinity of Grand Island.

CAMBRIDGE, IDAHO DRIVES OUT STATE ORGANIZER.

Appeals to the Mayor and Marshal, But is Warned to Leave the Town—Rocks Thrown and Gang of Hoodlums, Headed by Saloon Man Breaks Up Meeting.

Boise, May 9.—A special from Welter to the Evening Capital News Sunday night, says: News was received here today from Cambridge that A. G. Miller, state organizer of the socialist party, had been mobbed there by a crowd headed by Dunham, a saloonkeeper.

The crowd threw rocks and other missiles at the speaker and drove him off the street.

Mayor Haddleson was appealed to by Miller, so it is said, to be permitted to continue his meetings on the street.

The mayor said the people of Cambridge did not want him to speak and advised him, in an attempt to hold open-air meetings, Marshal Wines was also appealed to but he told the organizer nothing could be done unless the mayor gave instructions.

Miller will go from Cambridge to Millde Valley to hold meetings.

SECOND WEEK OF FAIR. Exhibit Installation Ahead of Other Exhibitions.

St. Louis, May 9.—The second week of the exposition was ushered in today by beautiful weather. Director of Exhibits Stair said, "the progress of the exhibit installation is now five weeks ahead of the Chicago corresponding in 1893, and seven weeks ahead of Paris, and 99 per cent will be complete Thursday evening."

Today's program embraces the opening of the Swedish pavilion. The lady managers gave a reception to Mrs. D. R. Francis, at the meeting of the national commission.

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General Government is Confronted With a Real Though Temporary Deficit.

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Washington, May 6.—The treasury surplus of \$4,000,000 beginning the fiscal year disappeared today, and from now until the end of the fiscal year the deficit will grow. The Panama and World's Fair payments and a decrease of \$21,000,000 in customs receipts for the year ending the 30th of June next, are responsible for the threatened shortage.

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He Files an Official Protest Against a Steal of Over Fifty Per Cent.

PROTEST IS NOW A PART OF THE COUNTY RECORDS. Mr. Hartman's Statement Shows How the Attempted Holdup Was Manipulated—Court Turns Over Wild Horse Road Case Temporarily—Other Important Road Cases Disposed of, the Milton-Summersville Petition Being Rejected.

The county court is a divided house just at present, as is evidenced by the following remonstrance filed on the records yesterday afternoon by County Judge Hartman. Judge Hartman is not in favor of the settlement of the printing squabble as proposed by Commissioners Gilliam and Walker, and takes pains that the records show how he stands on the question. He filed the following remonstrance yesterday afternoon at the close of the day's session of the court.

As a member of the board of county commissioners for said county, I object and protest against allowing any greater sum for said work than \$500, for the reason that had the general public been so generally informed in such work, and had the copies furnished by the sheriff been followed, it would not have measured more than enough to make \$30 under the pretended contract, and a general effort is apparent throughout the work to "graft" and snafu. It is a dangerous precedent, especially in public business, to allow any amount of money to anyone to avoid a threatened law suit.

Dated at Pendleton, Oregon, May 6th, 1904. G. A. HARTMAN, County Judge.

Numerous Road Cases. Today the court has gone into the road business, and has done nothing but examine petitions for new roads and prayers for changes in those already established.

The matter of the Wild Horse road has not yet been reached, and the business on the docket is so great this time that the court has decided to extend the session through Monday, and possibly Tuesday, by which time it is hoped that the table will be cleared of the mass of papers now resting on the court's desk.

The petition of B. B. Crowner asking that the court establish road 556 a short distance west of Pendleton, and vacate the road now existing, also filed with those of the same kind to be opened. This is a road just out of the limits of town on the west near an O. R. N. crossing.

The petition of O. W. Zerley, asking that a road be established through section 35, township 5, north of range 34 east, was granted, and the road ordered opened.

The petition of J. H. Evans asking that road 558 in section 25, of township 6, north of range 31 east, in the Hudson Bay country, be allowed and established, was granted also. Several other petitions were filed, and the court will probably adjourn today.

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COMPLAIN OF THE ACCOMMODATIONS

Los Angeles City Council Did Not Live Up to Their Promises.

BISHOP MERRILL HANDS IN HIS RESIGNATION. Has Been in the Ministry Fifty-nine Years—Big Fight is Coming Friday Over Proposition to Redistrict the Conferences—Every Delegate, Lay and Clerical, Has Arrived and is Present—Proposition to Adopt a New System of Revival Work.

Los Angeles, May 6.—The principal subject of discussion at this morning's session of the Methodist conference is Hazard's pavilion, its poor seating capacity and acoustic properties. Prominent Methodists say the Los Angeles city council promised if the conference be secured for this city the new-convention hall would be ready. A convention hall committee was appointed, but never accomplished anything.

The morning was devoted to reports and presentation of resolutions. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss presided.

Bishop Merrill Resigned. Los Angeles, May 6.—Bishop Merrill, senior member of the episcopacy, resigned at the morning session. He was given the Chauquagan salute. The bishop is 70 years of age and has been in the ministry 59 years.

The first big debate of the general conference will be Friday forenoon on the resolution regarding the redistricting of the annual conferences. Drs. J. M. Buckley and T. B. Nevilly will be the principal speakers.

Every Delegate Present. Los Angeles, Cal., May 6.—The second day of the Methodist conference opened at 10 a. m. with one bishop and Evangelist Bell. Bishop I. W. Warren presided.

The last of the belated delegates from the Santa Fe wreck arrived at daybreak. Every delegate, lay and clerical, was in his seat at the business sessions of the conference.

The organization of the committees of the church was reported at 8:30 and 9:15 a. m. J. A. Patton was elected chairman of the book committee, one of the most important committees with the meeting of the conference.

Evangelism is the keynote of the 1904 conference, and rivalry is acknowledged to be the chief of the Presbyterian and Methodist bodies in the evangelistic movements. A plan is on foot in the conference to adopt the revival method accepted by the general Presbytery assembly last year at its annual session in Los Angeles to create a general revival and appoint the most able members of the clergy as itinerant evangelists.

CLAIM INSANITY. Mrs. Powell Gives Her Account of the Murder.

Dover, Del., May 6.—The state rested its case in the trial of Mrs. Mary Ann Powell for the murder of Estelle Albin, February 9.

The latter had been adopted into the family, and the attorney for the defense, who had been operating in alleged immoral acts drove Mrs. Powell to the verge of insanity.

Mrs. Powell went on the stand today and detailed the crime. She said Estelle came into the garret, where she (defendant) was placing castles (broth). Estelle seized her by the throat. Mrs. Powell pulled a knife from her pocket and made a desperate struggle followed, during which she cut Estelle's throat.

GOLD HUNTERS BUNCOED. Travelers to Nome "Skinned" by Fake Transportation Companies.

Passenger traffic to Nome and other Alaska points, to say nothing of the loss of freight, will suffer a decrease of fully 25 per cent this year as the result of the fake transportation companies operating vessels on the Pacific and North Alaska coasts.

Many men, who were desirous of going to Alaska this year, and who in coming to this city, were bunched out of their money, returned to their homes in the rural districts again, taking up their former occupations and putting Nome out of their minds altogether.

"This not only affected themselves," said the official, "but it affects their friends, who would also have gone North, had they not feared that they would share the same fate as their comrades.

Many reservations, engaged by people from the country and surrounding states, have been canceled during the past week, which caused a great deal of trouble to the companies, as they have refused others, and in consequence, will not only lose their trade, but the trade of these victims of the fakery.

"The most noted of these fake companies was known as the North Alaska Transportation Company, whose members were arrested last week. Its disbanding has practically put a stop to such proceedings, but the effect on the steamship companies which carry on a lawful business is still felt and the loss to them will be considerable."

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SECOND SCANDAL FOR BANCROFT

Unwelcome Denouement to an Investigation Brought to "Vindicate."

PORTLAND'S POSTMASTER PERSISTS IN CROOKEDNESS. Investigation Reveals Discrepancies in His Accounts and the Department Seems Determined to Get Rid of Him—Second Time in Six Months His Office Has Been Investigated—No Refuge This Time in Partisanship.

Portland, May 7.—A Washington special to the Oregon Daily Journal says: The report of the postoffice inspectors who have made a second investigation into the alleged discrepancies in the Portland office, disclosed a repetition of the irregularities which were charged against Postmaster Bancroft six months ago.

The supplementary investigation was in March, and the report has recently reached department headquarters.

It is charged in the report that after his promise to refrain from misusing public money, Mr. Bancroft has repeatedly used various sums as much as \$500 a day, in his accounts, but that the sum had been replaced before the second investigation was begun.

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London, May 7.—Victory Curzon's official report of the Tibetan repulse at Gyantse kills the enemy's loss at 250 killed and wounded, and British killed 20. The attack and repulse lasted two hours.

This victory will be at once supported by Col. Younghusband, and gives the British what is now considered as the immediate vicinity of Lhasa, and leaves them in undisputed control of the entrance from the north to all the accessible passes from Tibet to India along the entire frontier between those countries.

Barring active conjunction of Russian forces with those of the lama, there is no serious obstacle to British occupation of Lhasa this summer, as the native government is impotent, and very essential that it can no longer be allowed to remain.

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