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ENGLISH TORPEDO BOAT SUNK; THIRTY-SIX SEAMEN DROWN

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Tiger Crushed in Collision with Man of War.

DISASTER DURING NIGHT MANEUVERS.

Is Cut in Half by the Berwick While Running Without Lights in Channel.

(By Associated Press.) PORTSMOUTH, Eng., April 3.—Thirty-six men, including Lieutenant Middleton, Commander of the torpedo boat destroyer, Tiger, lost their lives in a collision with the British Cruiser Berwick.

The vessels were engaged in night maneuvers. The destroyer attempted to cross the Berwick's bow and was cut in half, sinking immediately. Twenty-two were rescued. The ships were maneuvering without lights.

AMERICAN CONSUL AT BERNE DIED TODAY.

James Jeffrey Roach Succumbs To Long Illness At Post In Switzerland.

(By Associated Press.) BERNE, Switzerland, April 3.—James Jeffrey Roach, the American consul at Berne, died today after a long illness. He was appointed in April, 1907.

NAME WATSON IN INDIANA

Congressman Republican Nominated for Governor.—Platform Gushes with Reform.

(By Associated Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, April 2.—James E. Watson was nominated for governor on the fifth ballot in the Republican State Convention. Watson is representative from the congress sixth Indiana district.

The convention after nominating a full state ticket and adopting the platform adjourned. A resume of the platform follows:

In addition to endorsing C. W. Fairbanks for president, it endorses Roosevelt's administration and is opposed to corporations contributing to campaign funds, favors economy in public expenditures, explicitly mentioning the army and navy, favor a modification of the financial system without mentioning any particular measure, urges a progressive program of labor legislation, pledges a complete reduction of capitalistic combinations in the interest of trade, commerce and general welfare of people and urges revision of the tariff by a special session of congress to be called early in November with the recommendation that congress take proper steps at once to secure data by experts, the abolishment of child labor is demanded and improvement in waterways and the establishment of a bureau of mines and mining is urged. Fairbanks personally prepared the tariff plank.

HURLED FORTY FEET BY TRAIN; UNINJURED.

Tossed Over a One-Story Building and Still Worker Suffers No Scratch From Accident.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 3.—John Hastings, a Homestead steel worker, was hit by a fast Pennsylvania railroad train this afternoon. Eye witnesses say he described a parabolic curve 30 feet in air, over one track, a one story building, across an alley and, descending, shattered the window of a shoe shop 40 feet away.

GOTCH MEETS RUSSIAN LION

Wrestling Championship of the World to be Decided at Chicago Tonight.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, April 3.—The greatest crowd ever attracted by a similar event in Chicago is expected to gather tonight to witness the wrestling match for the championship of the world between George Hackenschmidt, "The Russian Lion" and Frank Gotch of Iowa, Champion of America catch-as-catch can. The contest for the best two falls in three, the only hold barred being the double D'Arny. Gotch is regarded by bettors as having an even chance. Both are in fine condition. The total purse is about \$13,000 and \$8,000 goes to the winner, and \$5,000 to the loser.

TOBACCO GOES UP IN SMOKE

But not from Pipe, Cigar or Cigarette—Virginia fire loss \$200,000.

(By Associated Press.) LYNCHBURG, Va. April 3.—Fire today destroyed three tobacco factories operated by T. P. Dunnington. The estimated loss is \$200,000.

BANDON HOME BURNED.

Residence of A. E. Philpot is Destroyed by Fire. News has reached Coos Bay friends of a misfortune of which a former resident of this city is a victim. A. E. Philpot, who at one time resided here but later moved to Bandon, building a substantial residence in the suburb of that thriving city, lost his home by fire Tuesday night. The family had retired for the night and the fire was not discovered until after midnight. It had gained such headway that it could not be extinguished and the efforts of the family were given to saving some of their personal effects from the flames. The house and much of the furniture was entirely destroyed. The loss falls heavily on Mr. Philpot as he carried no insurance.

Look over your old papers and see that your insurance is in force. If you need fixing in this line, see Title Guarantee & Abstract Company for reliable insurance.

VETERAN OF 90 DOWNS TWO COPS IN FIGHT.

Keeps Them at Bay 12 Hours—Thrashes Them When They Get In.

WASHINGTON, Pa., April 2.—When officers, who had been held at bay for 12 hours, gained an entrance to the house of James Alego, a 90-year-old civil war veteran, this morning, and attempted to disarm him, a desperate fight ensued, in which Constable Ezra Conway and Special Officer Nickson were put down and out by the old man before he was subdued.

Alego's sole source of support is a meager pension, which, it is claimed, he has used to care for a horse, while he and his two grandchildren almost starved.

The officers came to his home last night to take the children to the county children's home. Alego saw them, barricaded the house and kept watch with a shotgun and revolvers near him. He forgot to bar a rear window, and this proved his undoing. He will be cared for by the county.

SOAP PRICES CUT IN TWO.

To introduce the famous A. B. Naptha soap, I have cut the price in two, selling ten-cent bars for five cents. It is the best washing and cleaning soap on the market. We have only twenty-five cases which are going fast. Order quickly if you want to get in on the bargain.

F. A. Sacchi The Reliable Grocer. Stores and offices—for rent by Title Guarantee & Abstract Company. Title Guarantee & Abstract Company.

CASE WILL GO TO GRAND JURY

San Francisco Paper Publishes Additional Details of Remarkable Case.

FORGERY OF SIGNATURE.

Claude Nasburg, Accuser of Mrs. Austin, Holds Damaging Evidence Against the Dashing Widow—Latest Developments.

The following additional details and disclosures in the Nasburg-Austin affair were printed in the San Francisco Call of Sunday, March 29th:

So preposterous was the scheme of stock gambling unearthed in the investigation of the forgery of the signature of Reuben H. Lloyd, yesterday, that those who are pushing the matter into the hands of the grand jury came to the conclusion that the whole affair was a stupendous swindle which had been in operation for about three years.

The surprise in the investigation came yesterday, when it was discovered that not only was the name of Lloyd forged, but that his very letter heads had been simulated.

The case became all the more mysterious when Lloyd identified the forged letterhead as being exactly similar to one that had come into his possession three years ago. He then made an effort to trace down the matter, but was unsuccessful. When Claude Nasburg showed him the letter purporting to have been written by him and which it was alleged had been used by Mrs. Austin for the furthering of her schemes, he recognized the letterhead as being identical with the ones that were in circulation three years ago.

For what purpose his letterheads were used three years ago Lloyd does not know, but in the face of recent events he has come to the conclusion that his being made the medium of a swindle of some sort or another.

Swindle in Mining Deal. According to Claude Nasburg the swindle was in the nature of an immense mining deal, which, he said, only existed in the heads of those engineering the scheme. To prove his statements he produced letters alleged to have been written by Mrs. Austin, in which are set forth some of the stupendous results to be attained. Mrs. Austin, when seen on the preceding night, emphatically said that she had never written any letters to Claude Nasburg, but the existence of letters bearing her signature indicated that she was either mistaken or that the letters had been forged.

"The whole matter is like this," said Claude Nasburg. "Mrs. Austin, after she had become acquainted with our family and obtained an influence over my brother, suggested a deal by which we were going to win a fortune. That was about three years ago, when I had just stepped out of college and was ignorant of the ways of the business world. She told us that all the old Comstock people and other wealthy ones, such as Flood, Senator Newlands, Homer King, Reuben H. Lloyd and even Rockefeller were behind a scheme to pool the Comstock mines and rehabilitate them. She was letting us in on the deal because we were her friends. I put in \$6,000, my brother-in-law, Edward Lockhart, went into it a little, and my brother passed out \$5,000.

"Still Wait for Returns. "We have been waiting for returns for three years. We are still waiting. My reason for showing the woman up for what she is is that since I went into the world I saw that I had been nicely fooled and was willing to take my medicine. My brother and mother, however, still believe in Mrs. Austin, and my endeavor is to break her influence over them by showing up this wonderful scheme. I have made every effort to locate the deal, but can find no record of it. All I know is that I paid Mrs. Austin the money and received from her promissory notes for the amount. I did not know a promissory note from a hole in the ground in those days, and did not think it peculiar to get a promissory note instead of a contract. I accepted Mrs. Austin's word when she said that the whole scheme had to be entirely secret and that such things as signed contracts were out of the question. The letters from Mrs. Austin show up the folly of the scheme. She never wrote out the names in full, but signed the initials thus: 'N' stands for Newlands, 'F' for Flood and 'W' for Walker, who was supposed to be the brains of the plan."

Writes Glowing Letter. In one of the letters alleged to have been written by Mrs. Austin the "deal" is freely discussed. It reads in part as follows: "I wrote you on Friday, but did not send it, waiting to hear from a cable from Mr. N— (I guess I had best refrain from names— from the Orient. * * * It may be several days yet before I can answer your query regarding time, as I certainly want

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NAME WATSON FOR PRESIDENT

Populists Convention in St. Louis Becomes Bitter and Two Delegations Bolt.

WILLIAMS IN SECOND PLACE

Platform Urges Government Ownership and Radical Change in Financial System.

ST. LOUIS, April 3.—Late today, Thomas E. Watson was nominated for president and Samuel H. Williams of Indiana, for vice-president, by the National Populist Convention here.

Late this afternoon, the Nebraska and Minnesota delegations bolted the convention after a hot debate. This morning, Geo. A. Honnecker of New Jersey was made permanent chairman of the National Populist Party Convention after considerable opposition. Honnecker made an address of considerable length in which he attacked the courts of the country and in whose rulings, he declared, many gross injustices are committed. He attacked Democratic party for the conduct of President Cleveland in the railroad strike of 1884, and the Republican party for sending troops into Idaho during the miners' strike.

Following his address, the report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented. It provides for radical changes in the money system, demanding money to be issued direct to the people without the intervention of banks and denounced the Aldrich and Fowler bills. The plank on trusts demands that the government own and control the railroads and all public utilities which in their nature are monopolies. The ownership of telegraph and telephone lines and parcels post are also asked. It favors the initiative and referendum and the power to recall from office of disloyal or inefficient representatives, the enactment of an employer's liability act within constitutional bounds and other matters for improvement of labor conditions are set forth. There was considerable opposition to certain planks, especially to the money planks.

LET CONTRACT FOR TUNNELS

Southern Pacific Awards Jobs of Constructing Four on Coos Bay Line.

Assistant Chief Engineer A. J. Barclay of San Francisco, is here making preparation for resumption of work on the Drain-Coos Bay railroad next month. C. J. Owens, of Portland, the tunnel contractor, was here also this week and J. W. Sweeney have secured the contract to finish the four tunnels near Elkton, and that they will begin work about April 5th with a large force of men.—Drain Nonpareil.

ROB DRAIN POSTOFFICE.

Empty Envelopes Only Clue to Crime in Douglas County. DRAIN, Oregon, April 3.—The burglars who cracked the postoffice safe here and stole \$150 cash, also took several promissory notes, aggregating about \$400, belonging to Postmaster Hasard. Yesterday the envelope containing all of the notes was found by a couple of hobos near the S. P. cement warehouse opposite the depot and returned to the owner. There is no clue yet as to who committed the crime.

COOS BAY TO SUPPLY COAL FOR EUREKA.

H. H. Buhne Arranges for Shipment of Fuel From Here to California Town. H. H. Buhne of Eureka, Cal., who is interested in the jobbing business there as well as being an extensive owner of real estate, yesterday closed a deal with Masters and McLain for regular shipments of coal from Coos Bay to Eureka. Mr. Buhne was in Marshfield and after investigating coal and figuring on the cost of it decided that it would be much cheaper fuel than it is now possible to obtain at Eureka.

The placing of the Steamship Eureka on the Portland-Eureka run via Coos Bay enable the handling of the coal at a minimum expense. Mr. Buhne expects to build up a big business there for the output of the local mines.

Dance at Sumner April 4th. Music by Landenburg orchestra.

GERMAN LOAN OF \$250,000,000 CAUSES EXCITEMENT IN ENGLAND

KEEP EVIDENCE FROM PUBLIC

Vanderbilt Divorce Hearing Behind Closed Doors—Alimony \$1,500,000.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 3.—David McCure, referee has been appointed to hear the case of Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt who has brought an action which is believed to be for absolute divorce. He has begun to hear evidence. The hearing are behind closed doors.

The principle question at issue is the amount of alimony to be paid by Mr. Vanderbilt. It is reported that he has consented to the payment of the lump sum of \$1,500,000 and that if this is accepted, his defense will be passive in character but if rejected, the action will be actively contested.

THREE KILLED IN ROME RIOT

Troops Fire on Mob with Fatal Results to Some and Wounding Fifteen Others.

(By Associated Press.) ROME, April 3.—A general strike has been proclaimed as a protest against the fatalities in connection with the disorders in the streets here yesterday when the troops fired on them, killing three rioters and wounding fifteen others. The strike thus far has not been very successful.

MITCHELL UNABLE TO TAKE PANAMA POSITION.

Former President of the United Mine Workers is Offered a Position by Roosevelt. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 3.—John Mitchell, the former president of the United Mine Workers of America called upon President Roosevelt today. On leaving the White House Mr. Mitchell said that the President had offered him a position as special commissioner to study labor conditions in the Panama Canal Zone. Mr. Mitchell is unable to accept the offer, his health not permitting.

BREAKWATER BRINGS MANY FROM PORTLAND.

Vessel Covers Distance Between Astoria and Coos Bay Bar in About Twelve Hours. The Breakwater reached Coos Bay early this morning after a good voyage from Portland. She left Astoria yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and crossed the Coos Bay bar about 4 o'clock this morning. Capt. Meginn says.

The passenger list follows: Ralph Green, J. T. McCormac, H. L. Gooding, F. E. Palmer, W. G. Small, A. Alquist, Gus Lund, R. Norby, J. Kelly, H. Curtis, W. Allenburg, Edward Seon, A. Schultz, A. Hesmete, Miss Parry, Miss B. Hein, Miss R. Hein, Mrs. Hein, Frank Hein, Joe Hein, Mrs. McIntosh, Miss Mcintosh, W. B. Hamilton, Mr. A. Carlson, Miss Cox, A. Schafer, A. Storey, J. Hoffman, H. Hoffman, E. V. Connell, Mrs. E. Connell, Miss S. Connell, Wm. Richardson, J. A. Rohr, H. Shank, A. G. Newson, H. M. Brown, J. V. Currier, Miss Gurnsey, C. W. Barrhman, M. Tynot, C. Dominick, Jno. Trudell, Jno. Parker, Louis Markel, W. Tinsella, O. R. Nelson, Mrs. Nelson, Miss Nelson, P. Gilbert, S. Bowden, W. E. Bronsen, Mrs. Kitcom, Mrs. Hanson, Miss Hanson, R. Kitson, R. Jenkins, H. Jones, R. Tully, C. B. Andrews, V. B. Sneed, R. P. Tully, Mrs. L. King, C. Marshall and N. Myers.

Miss Villier's children's dancing class meets tomorrow afternoon at Odd Fellow's Hall.

NOTICE.

All property owners must clean up the street in front of their own property. By order of J. W. CARTER, City Marshal.

SNAKES—We got'em. Coos Bay Cash Store.

British Fear that Action Indicates Kaiser's Preparations for War.

LARGE AMOUNT WAS SECURED RECENTLY.

London Financiers Express Distrust in Financial Condition of Nation.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, April 3.—The news of the new German and Prussian loans amounting to \$162,000,000 came as a great surprise to London and has resulted in much discussion and even in the expression of some distrust of the financial position of Germany. That loans amounting to \$250,000,000 have already been found necessary this year and that these loans are keeping pace with the greatly increased naval expenditures of Germany is of interest to British financiers and to the British public keenly and in the opinion of some, this financial activity shows a tendency ultimately towards war. Others believe that the loans are safeguards against war.

While certain civil undertakings in Germany require immense sums at this time, it was not expected that the government would borrow so much in time of peace or find it necessary to pay such high rates of interest. Four per cent is higher interest than Germany has been compelled to pay in more than twenty years. It is believed that little English capital will be invested in these loans and that the English market can only be indirectly affected.

LITTLE GIRL IS CREMATED

Rosa Oliva, Four Years Old, Incinerated in San Francisco Conflagration.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—Fire destroyed three buildings at Green and Kearney streets early today and resulted in the incineration of Rosa Oliva, four years old. The property loss is \$12,000.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL MEET TONIGHT.

W. W. Cardwell, Dr. J. T. McCormac and Others will Address Meeting this Evening. Dr. J. T. McCormac, president of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce who returned today from a trip to Portland, Seattle and other northern cities, will be one of the principal speakers at the regular meeting of that body this evening. He will probably tell of the conditions in the northwest and how Coos Bay is viewed in that section.

W. W. Cardwell of Roseburg will speak on the prospects of the Second Southern Oregon district fair to be held here this fall, outlining some things that will be necessary to make it a success.

Secretary Walter Lyon is arranging for other speakers to take up the question of improving the water front, beautifying the city and other subjects.

UNIQUE OREGON SCHOOL.

Director, Teacher and Pupils all in One Family. EUGENE, Ore., April 1.—In school district No. 5, one of the oldest in Lane county, there are only five children of school age, and all are of one family. The chairman of the board is father of the five children and the clerk of the board is the mother. The mother is also the teacher. The teacher has just closed a successful four months' term in which there has been a perfect report made, showing none of the pupils absent or tardy during the entire session. It is understood that the conduct of the pupils was first-class.

Other interesting features of the family school district is that the teacher boarded at the home of all her pupils and every day there was a parent visitor at the school.

A HANDSOME cue will be given as a prize for the highest billiard score for the month of April at The Bird Billiard Parlors.

\$1,200 will buy 3 choice lots on Boinstreet, including corner, at Title Guarantee & Abstract Company.