

OVER 300 ARE DROWNED BY SINKING OF JAP BATTLESHIP

Explosion Sinks Big Man of War as She Was Coming to Anchor in Harbor.

SONS OF MIKADO'S LEADERS ARE LOST.

Remainder of Fleet Succeeds in Saving 141 Men and Officers in Life Boats.

(By Associated Press.)
TOKIO, April 30. — While the cruiser Matsushima was coming to anchor in the harbor of Makang early today, an explosion occurred in the stern magazine, immediately sinking the vessel so that only the bridge was visible.

Efforts at rescue by boats from the cruisers Hashidate and Itsukushima continued until 9 a. m., saving 141 men and officers.

A majority of the officers were not saved having gone down with the complement of 300 men, including 58 cadets among whom are the sons of Baron Chinda, vice-minister of the Foreign Office, and of Prince Oyama, field marshal. They are believed to be lost.

The cause of the explosion is not known.

DENY RUMOR IN PORTLAND

No Foundation for Report that Breakwater Would be Taken Off Coos Bay Run.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 30. — The Telegram says:

"William A. Baker, agent at the Oak-street dock, received a message from C. J. Mills, general manager of the line at Marshfield, stating that the report about the probable withdrawal of the steamer Breakwater from the run between Portland and Coos Bay is without the slightest foundation."

When his attention was called to the above, Mr. Mills this morning said that the statement was authoritative and had been made to correct a report printed in the Portland Oregonian that the Breakwater was to be taken off the run.

"There was absolutely no foundation for the report," continued Mr. Mills. "While it is true that the Breakwater has suffered a slump in business since the advent of the financial troubles last fall the same as all other lines have, we have at no time considered her removal from the run. Just so long as the people of Coos Bay show their desire to keep the Breakwater on the Portland-Coos Bay run by furnishing adequate business, she will be kept there."

"Business conditions here are improving considerably and will probably continue to do so more rapidly during the next few weeks than they have in previous months. The logging camps are opening up and the coal industry is improving. We are now producing at South Port and the prospects are very good."

Gist of the Rumor.

The rumor which the Oregonian printed is as follows:

"Rumor has it that the steamship Breakwater, owned by the Southern Pacific Company, now operating between Portland and points on Coos Bay, will shortly go into the hands of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and will be placed in service between San Francisco and Eureka. Officials of the Coast Company have made offers for the vessel. The Breakwater is a first-class passenger ship and is fast enough for the requirements of the run."

"The Breakwater has been in commission for a year between Portland and points on Coos Bay, operating under the house flag of the Southern

FIND KELLY NOT GUILTY

Jury at Coquille Returns Verdict in Murder Case After 12 Hours Deliberation.

The jury in the Kelly murder case at Coquille returned a verdict of not guilty about 9:30 o'clock last evening after being out nearly twelve hours. The verdict came as a surprise, especially after supper time passed with no agreement, the general expectancy being for a hung jury.

Kelly was charged with murder on account of the killing of Billy Wearn in a row at Libby on election night last June. Kelly admitted that he had inflicted the wounds which led up to Wearn's death but claimed that he did so in self defense.

On the first trial, the jury was unable to reach an agreement even after they had been out for many hours.

Kelly's friends are highly gratified over the result of the trial as they claim that it is merely a confirmation of the hopes they have entertained all the time.

Require Second Instructions.

On the first ballot, the jury is said to have stood six for acquittal, three for conviction for manslaughter and three for conviction for murder in the second degree. Further balloting resulted in the number for acquittal increasing and finally only one juror stood out against acquittal. Then the jury came in for more instructions regarding the law on self-defense and soon afterwards brought in the verdict for acquittal.

Pacific Company and in connection with the railroad from Marshfield to Coquille. She steams about 12.5 knots under ordinary conditions with soft coal. With a good grade of fuel, she will make between 13 and 13½ knots.

"The Pacific Coast Company has been crippled on the Eureka run since the loss of the Pomona several weeks ago. Two craft have been running out of San Francisco to the Humboldt Bay City, but are both slow and unable to maintain a five-day schedule and handle the freight which offers.

"In case the Breakwater is retired from the Portland-Coos Bay run, another steamer will be supplied for the business which the Breakwater has secured on the Portland route. The Czarina is being operated by the Southern Pacific between Coos Bay and San Francisco. While she is able to handle the freight business, she is not equipped to handle the passenger traffic. The Breakwater has been carrying close to 80 passengers a trip.

"When questioned regarding the rumor, Captain T. J. Macgeen, master of the Breakwater, said: "I do not think there is anything in it. The Pacific Coast Company has made offers for the Breakwater at previous times, but I do not think that the Southern Pacific Company has any idea of selling the vessel which is so well adapted to the Coos Bay trade. She is able to make time and would handle the business with the same dispatch as the old Pomona, but I cannot see how a vessel of the class of the Breakwater could handle the lumber shipments south from Humboldt."

NOTICE.

All Scots are requested to attend the meeting of the Caledonian Club, Nelson hall, Saturday night, May 2, 1908.

PETER SCOTT, Secretary.

CURRY COUNTY NEWS.

Guy Porterfield, eldest son of J. G. Porterfield, fell while running in such a manner as to break his arm. Dr. Tyler set it, and the injury was mending nicely at last accounts.

COURT SAVES PAT CALHOUN

'Frisco's United Railways' President Does Not Have to Testify This Time.

TIREY L. FORD'S TRIAL.

Calhoun's Attorneys Feared it Would Give Away Line of His Own Defense to Prosecution.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—The trial of Tiley L. Ford, chief counsel of the United Railroads accused of offering former supervisor Coleman \$1,000 to vote for his trolley franchise was resumed in Judge Lawlor's department of the Superior Court this morning.

An effort of the prosecution yesterday to obtain evidence from Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, proved futile owing to the vigorous protests by his attorneys who claim the prosecution is attempting to secure from his testimony the line of defense in his own case which will come up later.

The prosecution asserts that it only seeks the truth, that it wants the guiltless freed and the guilty punished, but the court upheld Calhoun.

UNDER NEW NAME.

Steam Schooners Pass to West Coast Steamship Company.

PORTLAND, April 30.—From now forward the steam schooners Northland, Cascade and Homer will be operated under the houseflag of the West Coast Steamship Company, a newly-formed corporation of San Francisco. The craft will continue to operate between Portland and California ports, handling general cargoes on the up trips and wheat and lumber on the return voyages. As a regular schedule is being arranged for them, it is planned for each steamer to make two round trips a month. The trio will make at least seven steam schooners which will be in regular service out of Portland to California points, the other four being: F. S. Loop, R. D. Inman, Johan Poulsen and Noma City.

BLOWUP HOME NEAR BUTTE

Foreigners Suspected of Attempting to Assassinate Foreman and Wife.

(By Associated Press.)

BUTTE, April 30. — The home of J. G. Wicklund, foreman of the quarries Washoe Smelting Company, near Anaconda, was demolished by giant powder at midnight. Wicklund was not seriously injured and his wife and child escaped unhurt.

Several hundred Italians and Austrians were not reemployed when the Amalgamated Copper Company resumed last winter and Wicklund has frequently received letters threatening his life.

A train en route to the quarry narrowly missed being wrecked Wednesday, a crowbar having been tied over the rail. The engineer saw it in time to prevent disaster.

WANT ROESSLER TO REMAIN.

Astoria Chamber of Commerce Drafts Petition to Washington.

ASTORIA, Ore., April 30.—At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Whereas, it is currently reported that Colonel W. S. Roessler, engineer in charge of the improvement at the entrance to the Columbia river and of other river and harbor work in the Northwest, is liable to be exchanged to some other field of action by his superior officers and,

"Whereas, we recognize in Colonel Roessler a faithful and efficient officer and one who by competent

NEARLY BURN WOMEN ALIVE

Indignant Citizens of Shelby, Wis., Suspected of Starting Fire There.

THEY WANTED IT CLOSED.

Futile Efforts to Drive Out Alleged Disorderly Place is Followed By Dangerous Conflagration.

(By Associated Press.)
LA CROSSE, Wis., April 30.—Indignant citizens of Shelby, a town near here, are suspected of having set fire to a disorderly house in that city.

The house was destroyed and sixteen inmates narrowly escaped cremation, several being seriously burned.

Had it not been for the timely arrival of firemen with extension ladders, most of the inmates would have been cremated alive.

There had been many futile efforts to have the house closed.

Arrests may follow, an investigation begun today.

INDICT NORTH BEND PEOPLE

Several Citizens Reported to Have Been Held by Grand Jury on Charge of Gambling.

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, Ore., April 30. — The Coos county grand jury has brought in a number of indictments, several of them being against North Bend men for gambling.

Among those who are said to have one or more true bills returned against them for alleged gambling are Bill Perry and Hillis Short of North Bend.

The indictments will be sent at once to North Bend and the parties placed under arrest.

DELAY TRIAL OF MATTHEWS

Major L. D. Kinney's Condition Would Not Permit Him to Attend Hearing Today.

Owing to Major L. D. Kinney's condition not permitting him to attend the hearing of L. T. Matthews, whom Mr. Kinney charges with assaulting him and causing serious bodily injury, was postponed by Justice C. L. Penneck this afternoon until 2 o'clock next Monday, May 4th.

Dr. Thayer reported to the court today that Mr. Kinney's condition was serious, especially the injury to his eye. Just what the development will be in the injuries is impossible to foretell. Attorney F. E. Clarke, who represented Major Kinney asked for the postponement until Mr. Kinney would be able to attend.

Justice Penneck fixed Mr. Matthews' bond at \$100 which it is understood will be furnished today.

training and experience is peculiarly qualified to finish the work of the Columbia river jetty, therefore;

"Be it resolved that the Astoria Chamber of Commerce petition the chief of engineers to retain Colonel Roessler in his present position if at all consistent with the rules and regulations of the department."

These resolutions will be forwarded to the chief of engineers at once by the secretary of the chamber, and it is generally decided that he will be retained in the work he was bringing to a successful conclusion.

WIND, SNOW AND FROST HAVE MIDDLE WEST IN THEIR GRIP

DELIGHTFUL ON GOOS BAY

Yesterday One of the Warmest Days Known Here This Early In the Season.

Yesterday was one of the warmest days that Coos Bay and Coos county has experienced this early in the season in many years. The mercury reached 81 in Marshfield and went up to 92 in Coquille.

The balmy sunshine was more than enjoyed by everyone and everyone who could shirk their duties managed to get away for a launch ride or fishing. It will be particularly enjoyable to think about the delightful weather when the Associated Press dispatches in another column of the Times are read, showing that Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa and other points in the East and middle west are battling with snow, frost and wintry winds.

Today is almost a duplication of yesterday. Whether the delightful weather is to be attributed to Mrs. Mings' ability as the weather official or whether it is simply coming as a welcome to her on assuming the new duties on Coos Bay, is a matter for discussion.

Straw hats are now quite the thing, several making their first appearance for the season yesterday.

VILLAGE IS BURIED.

Canadian Town is Crushed Beneath Landslide.

(By Associated Press.)
BUCKINGHAM, Quebec, April 30. —Half the little French hamlet of Notre Dame de Salette, 16 miles from here on the Lievre river, disappeared under a sliding mountain, and at least 30 of its small population are known to have perished. The hamlet has no telephone or telegraph facilities, nor is it on a railroad.

SEND FLOWERS TO PORTLAND

Arrangements Made for Exhibit of Rhododendrons — Ship Them Saturday.

Arrangements were made today to make a large shipment of Rhododendrons to Portland for exhibition there previous to and in connection with the proposed flower festival in that city. The Rhododendrons which are now in their glory covering the hillsides around Coos Bay, growing wild, present one of the most beautiful spectacles that can be imagined and it is believed that a fine shipment of them will make a beautiful exhibit.

Secretary Walter Lyon of the Chamber of Commerce, is getting up the exhibit and asks the cooperation of all, especially in furnishing the flowers. The flowers will be accepted up to the time that the Breakwater sails on Saturday. In Portland, they will be placed in the Olds, Wortman and King window where Coos Bay's famous apple display was made.

The exhibition was made possible through the courtesy of General Manager C. J. Mills of the steamship Breakwater. He has offered to handle the shipment of flowers free as he recognizes in it an opportunity to advertise Coos Bay and build it up. He and his company extended a similar courtesy at the time the apple exhibit was made, handling the shipment free of charge.

Mr. Mills stated this morning that he and his company would always be only too glad to cooperate with the citizens of Coos Bay and the Chamber of Commerce in movement that would advertise or aid in the further development of this city.

Severe Windstorm Does Much Damage in Part of Kentucky Today.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS SEVERAL SECTIONS.

Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa and Others Have Rough Weather.

(By Associated Press.)
TALLAPASEE, Ky., April 30. — A severe windstorm swept over this section today, razing the tobacco sheds, barns and other wooden structures.

So far as known, no one was killed but many had narrow escapes.

The damage to crops will be heavy.

Dispatches from Lexington, Ky., announce that eastern and central Kentucky were visited by a snow storm today. It is feared that the cold will cause heavy damage to crops. The races had to be declared off at Lexington.

SNOW AND COLD.

Frost and Blizzards Sweep Over Pennsylvania, Ohio and Iowa.

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURG, April 30. — Snow fell here today. The temperature is two degrees above freezing.

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, April 30. — A heavy wet snow fell practically all over the State of Ohio today.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. JOSEPH, April 30. — A heavy frost did much damage to the fruit crop of northwestern Missouri and northwestern Kansas last night.

(By Associated Press.)
LA CROSSE, Wis., April 30. — A frost in western Wisconsin and southern Minnesota did much damage to fruits and vegetables.

(By Associated Press.)
DES MOINES, Ind., April 30.—A killing frost in several sections of the State, damaged fruits and vegetables last night.

KILLS BEDBUGS; BURN SELVES

Salem Convicts' Unique Expedient to Get Relief Puts Them in a Furnace.

SALEM, Ore., April 29. — An attempt on the part of two convicts at the penitentiary to exterminate the bedbugs in their cell by the coal oil route, resulted in the serious burning of the one and the narrow escape of the other. The incineration of both men was only averted by the prompt action of one of the guards who turned a flood of water into the cell. Although the affair happened last Friday night, owing to the strict censorship of events at the institution, the administration succeeded in keeping the matter quiet.

The convicts, J. R. Barre, a life-timer for second degree murder from Wallowa county, and Robert I. Weddell, doing four years from Umatilla for larceny from the person, washed the walls and furniture of their cell with oil and then touched a match to it. In an instant the cell was converted into a veritable furnace. Weddell saved himself by dropping to the floor and covering himself with a blanket, but Barre stood up and fought the flames and was seriously burned about the face, neck and hands. Prison Physician Shaw thinks there is a chance for his recovery.

The convicts are furnished matches to light their pipes and lamps and are also provided with kerosene to fill the cell lamps, by which they read in the evenings.

We are now prepared to store your goods. Bay Side Paint Co., North Bend.