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SHIP TRUST GOES TO THE WALL

Great Fleet of Steamships Organized by J. P. Morgan in Receiver's Hands

WAR CAUSE FAILURE

Failure to Pay Interest on \$52,744,000 Bonds Leads to Proceedings.

MANY LINES INVOLVED

Syndicate of American and British Capitalists Owners of White Star, Red Star, American, Leyland and Dominion Lines of Boats

FAILED TO PAY INTEREST ON BONDS

NEW YORK, April 3.—The International Mercantile Marine Co., organized by the J. P. Morgan Co., controlling the great fleet of steamships plying between the United States and Europe, was placed in the hands of a receiver today by the Federal Court. The proceedings, instituted by the New York Trust Company for failure to pay interest on \$52,744,000 trust bonds, is understood to be friendly.

WAS ORGANIZED BY MORGAN

NEW YORK, April 3.—The complaint claims the default of interest on \$52,744,000 4 1/2 per cent bonds. The mammoth fleet that flies the International Mercantile Marine flag was brought together by a syndicate of American and British capitalists under the leadership of the late J. P. Morgan. It operates 119 steamships flying the flags of Great Britain, the United States and Belgium. More than \$100,000,000 of the company's authorized stock of \$120,000,000 has been issued. Morgan is a director in the company, whose funded debt is \$70,000,000. The company directs the operations of the White Star, Red Star, American, Leyland and Dominion lines and the Atlantic Transport Company.

MARINE COMPANY TROUBLE

New York Concern in Financial Difficulties—Receiver Asked

NEW YORK, April 3.—Application was made in the United States District Court today for the appointment of receivers for the International Mercantile Marine Company on a bill of complaint filed by the New York Trust Company. The complaint was filed against the International Mercantile Marine, Fidelity Trust Company and the International Navigation Company.

PROMINENT FRENCHMAN KILLED IN RECENT BATTLE

Son of Former Premier of France Killed in Battle and Buried Near Rheims.

PARIS, April 3.—The family of Claude Casimir-Perrier, son of a former President of France, has been informed that he was killed in battle and buried near Rheims. He was a Lieutenant and was reported missing January 29th.

2,500,000 PERSONS SEE SAN FRANCISCO FAIR

The total attendance at the Panama Pacific Exposition for the six weeks ending last night, was announced officially today at 2,604,815.

SINK ENGLISH BOAT

GERMAN SUBMARINE GETS ANOTHER VICTIM

Steamer Lockwood Sent to Bottom Off English Coast Near Devonshire—Crew Saved

LONDON, April 3.—The British steamer Lockwood, 677 net tons, was torpedoed by a German submarine Friday night off Start Point in Devonshire. The crew was saved. A German submarine pursued the Lockwood for several miles before being able to gain a position from which she could discharge the torpedo. The projectile struck the steamer abaft the engine room, but the crew of 25 found time to lower the life boats. The latter were picked up by a trawler and brought into port.

SHOOT U S SOLDIER

SERIOUS RIOT BETWEEN AMERICANS AND PANAMA POLICE

Corporal Langoon, of the Coast Guards, Killed in a Scrimmage With Native Officers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—Brigadier General Edwards, commanding the troops of the Panama Zone, reported today that during a fighting in Colon yesterday between American soldiers and Panama policemen, in which Corporal Langoon of the Coast Guard was killed and three soldiers wounded, the Panama police fired into a train of unarmed soldiers and civilians and pelted the train with rocks. The report said: "The cause of the riot was similar to that of recent trouble in Panama."

WILL INVESTIGATE.

COLON, April 3.—Major General Wood, commander of the Department of the East, arrived today and immediately ordered full investigation of the shooting of Corporal Langoon last night by the Colon police. The examinations indicate that the corporal was attempting to arrest a turbulent private when the police lieutenant began shooting without provocation.

FRENCH MAKE GAINS

CAPTURE 200 PRISONERS IN LA PRETTE FOREST

German Aeroplane Captured While Dropping Bombs On Rheims Aviator Unhurt

PARIS, April 3.—An official statement this afternoon says: "In the regions of Somme, La Boisselle and Domterre, mining warfare continued with noticeable advantages for the French. The total number of prisoners taken at Le Prette forest Wednesday and Thursday was more than two hundred. A German aeroplane was brought down yesterday after dropping bombs on Rheims. The aviators were unhurt."

FOR PROHIBITION

LLOYD GEORGE RECEIVES 25,000 LETTERS IN ONE DAY

Thousands Written in Answer to Newspaper Advertisement Expressing Themselves On Dry England

LONDON, April 3.—The first morning mail to reach Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George today brought about 15,000 letters, indicating the days total will exceed 25,000. These communications received by the Chancellor are in answer to a full page appeal appearing in newspapers yesterday urging citizens to write in favor of absolute prohibition.

Take your Easter dinner at the Chandler. Good music. \$1 per plate.

Large front apartment in the Myrtle Arms, completely furnished, to rent to desirable party. Ready now. Phone 369-L.

STEAMER EITEL STILL IN PORT

Rumor That German Cruiser Had Made Dash for Sea Proves Unfounded.

Government Agencies Get Busy and Learn that Steamer is Still Lying at Anchor in Harbor at Newport

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—A whirling gale and snow storm which enveloped the Virginia capes last night and today did not tempt the Prinz Eitel Friedrich to make a dash for the sea through the cordon of hostile cruisers on the outside and at one o'clock this afternoon an official government dispatch from Hampton Roads said the German raider was still moored to the wharf.

HEAVY SNOW STORM IN EASTERN STATES

PHILADELPHIA, April 3.—A snowstorm which struck the Middle Atlantic states early today became almost a blizzard, the worst storm of the winter in this section. Snow is more than six inches deep. Wire communication was interrupted.

CURTAIN OF SECRECY

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—The storm which drew a curtain of secrecy over the Prinz Eitel for a few hours by destroying all means of communication with the Hampton Roads district, save by wireless, started a crop of rumors saying the German cruiser had dashed behind a curtain of snow flakes and past the watch dogs at the entrance of Chesapeake Bay. Government agencies got into communication with Newport News and established the fact that the Eitel had attempted no daring exploit.

SERBIAN BORDER TROUBLE

Hostilities Between Serbian Troops and Bulgarians Break Out On the Border

PARIS, April 3.—Hostilities between the Serbian troops and Bulgarian irregulars has broken out along the border. An official statement issued at Nish, Serbia, as forwarded to news agency, says the Bulgarians were overwhelmed by Serbian territory.

ELECTION FRAUDS

ONE OF INDIANA DEFENDANTS PLEADS GUILTY

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3.—Fred Morrison, one of the defendants in the trial of the Terre Haute election fraud case in Federal court, asked today to be permitted to plead guilty. The judge ordered the change and instructed Morrison to return home and he would be sent for when wanted. Morrison was a city employe and had served as an election inspector. Witnesses testified that he operated the lever of the voting machine and went behind the machine with the voters.

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AUSTRIAN VICTORY

WIN AN IMPORTANT BATTLE WITH RUSSIANS

Czar's Forces Completely Defeated and Driven Back in a Fierce Engagement Near Bukovina.

VIENNA, April 3.—Fighting in Bukovina, according to information from private sources, appears more important than is evidenced from surface indications in official reports. Apparently the Austrians gained a success of considerable importance. The Russians had massed in force to recapture Bukovina but were completely defeated and driven back into Bessarabia.

ALLIES REPULSED

GERMAN OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS ENEMY'S ATTACKS FAIL

Belgians and French Do Not Succeed in Making Advance Against German Lines.

BERLIN—(Wireless to Sayville.)—April 3.—The official report today says: "The Belgian attempt yesterday to win back Klosterhoek farm which the Germans occupied March 31, resulted in failure. A French charge in the Le Pretre forest was not successful. A French attack on the heights south of Nieder Aspach, west of Muelhausen, also was repulsed. Nothing of importance occurred on the Eastern front."

ALL READY FOR BIG BOUT

Referee Welch Arrives in Havana and Final Preliminaries Are Arranged—Want Even Money.

HAVANA, April 3.—Jack Welch, who will referee the fight Monday between Johnson and Willard for the world's heavyweight championship, arrived today and conferred with the principals and promoters. Johnson money is plentiful, but his backers are holding out for even money. Johnson and Sam McVey were ready for their six-round bout this afternoon, the promoters having given up trying to prevent the champion doing this.

BLOCKADE GABLE

GREAT BRITAIN ANNOUNCES A NEW CENSORSHIP

Will Stop All Cable Messages Relating to Trade of any Kind... When Desired

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—Secretary Bryan had before him today Great Britain's formal announcement of a new cable censorship policy. In it Great Britain serves notice of intention to stop all messages relating to trade in contraband or non contraband "to which resident in the enemy country is one of parties."

AMBROSE BIERCE ALIVE

Well-known Writer Reported Dead Serving on Staff of British Army in France.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Friends of Major Ambrose Bierce, author, journalist, and soldier, who feared he had been killed in Mexico last December, were surprised and relieved today to learn from his daughter in Bloomington, Illinois, that she had received a letter from him revealing that he was serving on the British Army Staff in France.

SECRETARY OF NEW JERSEY DIES TODAY

David S. Crater Stricken With Heart Disease While Walking Along Street Today.

NEW YORK, April 3.—David S. Crater, Secretary of State of New Jersey, dropped dead this afternoon on the street here. Heart failure was the cause.

RUSSIA WARNS ITALY; GO SLOW

Neutral Nation's Territorial Aspiration Touched on in Semi-Official Statement

Not to be Selfish May Have Trent and Trieste, But Ambition Should be Curbed.

VIENNA, April 3.—Kidnapped by Major Antonio Tovar, Villa commander at La Paz, lower California, Miss Josephine Canaliza, daughter of a wealthy Mexican landowner, is held prisoner aboard the little Mexican steamer Santiago, which is bound up the coast, according to the young woman's father, Jacinto Canaliza, who arrived here today. He asked the officers to keep a watch for the vessel. The girl was educated at Vassar College and is the fiancee of an American. She rejected Tovar's attention. He appeared at the ranch with soldiers, shot two retainers and fled with the girl.

NOT TO BE SELFISH

Villa Commander Appears at Father's Ranch With Soldier's, Shoots Attendants and Goes to Sea With Weeping Maiden.

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NOT GUILTY BELIEF

T. R. SHERIDAN VERDICT A SURPRISE, J. W. BENNETT

A verdict of guilty on two out of eight counts in the Sheridan case was a great surprise, not only to T. R. Sheridan and his friends but to a great many who took an interest in the trial, according to J. W. Bennett, who returned this morning from Portland where he has been interested in the case with Attorney Fulton. He expressed the belief that there is a possibility of a pardon or a parole.

ATTORNEY RETURNS FROM PORTLAND; SAYS THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF PARDON OR PAROLE

Mr. Bennett said it was generally expected in the court room that a verdict of not guilty would be the result. The evidence in regard to each of the eight counts was substantially the same, the parties having signed a release after being informed by the National Bank Examiner that the money was loaned by Mr. Sheridan in one instance to another party and in the other instance to himself and the statement made by these parties in writing was to the effect that they had authorized Mr. Sheridan to make the loans and that they thereby released the First National Bank of Roseburg from any liability in the matter.

The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty on six counts and guilty on two counts and it is hard to conceive by what arrangements they arrived at this conclusion in view of the parties' written statements to the Bank Examiner in June 1911 that Mr. Sheridan had authority to do just exactly what he did do and that charge checks were put in their bank accounts at the time showing that the loans had been made.

As to the remedies that were open to him he said the court had granted thirty days for Mr. Sheridan to file a motion for a new trial and at the end of that time if the court does not allow the motion, time will be granted for the preparation of a Bill of Exceptions and an appeal.

The evidence showed that Mr. Sheridan was without means whatsoever and that he is wholly dependent upon his friends to aid him in this proceeding. He is of course in addition said that there is the possibility of a pardon and a parole.

PAINT SHOP ON FIRE

E. F. LEMIEUX LOSES IN EARLY MORNING BLAZE

Oil Stove Explosion Does \$1000 Damage; Carried \$800 Insurance; City Saves \$20

Explosion of an oil stove in the paint room of the E. F. Lemieux paint and paper shop, 393 Front Street North, at 7:30 this morning spread flames to every part of the building doing \$1,500 to \$1,800 damage in almost a flash of time. A large stock of wall paper was destroyed and the rear of the building was severely damaged. Fire insurance amounting to \$800 was carried on the stock. The speedy reporting of the fire department held the flames from spreading into the Union Hall above and soon extinguished the blaze.

SAVED CITY MONEY

In view of the fact that at a Tuesday meeting of the department the members voted that hereafter they will not accept pay for the first hour on a fire call the city was saved exactly \$20 this morning. Forty members responded to the call. They will receive \$1 a piece for the call, as has been the rule but donate the first 50 cents to the city treasury. This is one of the means the firemen have adopted to keep down the expenses and to save a paid fireman.

The heavy stock of wall paper carried in the store was much of it charred only on the ends, though according to Mr. Lemieux this necessitates throwing it away. Six barrels of oil and a barrel of turpentine in the back room were saved though one barrel close to the first fire was badly charred.

FORTUNATE ESCAPES

Despite the loss which is a serious one for Mr. Lemieux he had a most fortunate escape from serious personal injury. He was standing immediately in front of the stove when it exploded burst the rear part scattering flaming oil all over the rear wall. Had the explosion expended its force in front Mr. Lemieux would have been covered with the blazing oil and seriously injured.

The prompt action of the fire department also saved the six barrels of linseed oil and a barrel of turpentine which if it had once ignited would have spread to Going & Harvey's furniture store next door and made a bad and costly blaze.

FIRM EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

The members of the firm of Going & Harvey expressed themselves as very grateful to the fire department for their prompt response and efficient work. As evidence of their appreciation Mr. Going sent the fire department a check for \$25.00

FEAR VESSEL LOST

SCHOONER ETHEL ZANE, OF SEATTLE, IS MISSING

Left Bellingham 181 Days Ago Laden With Lumber and Beer—Not Heard From Since

SEATTLE, April 3.—The schooner Ethel Zane, 407 net tonnage, which left Bellingham 181 days ago for Guayaquil, Ecuador, with lumber and beer, has almost been given up for lost. She should have made the voyage in 80 days.

LIKE MOVIE PICTURE SHOW

Mexican Military Commander Kidnaps Wealthy Landowner's Girl and Decamps

Girl Was Educated at Leading College and Engaged to an American.

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VASSAR GRADUATE

Except Struggle for Mountain Passes General Lull Has Settled Down on Opposing Battle Lines on Both Fronts.

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Although hard fighting continues in the Carpathians, a general lull seems to have set in on the remainder of the Eastern front and on the Western front.

Berlin and Paris reports indicate that a French attack in Le Pretre forest made little progress. A Berlin statement says the Belgians were repulsed in an attempt to win back a small strip of ground lost Wednesday.

VICE-PRESIDENT IN ARIZ.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Will Spend a Month Visiting Mrs. Marshall's Parents There.

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 3.—Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall arrived today from Los Angeles. They will remain a month visiting the parents of Mrs. Marshall.

FATAL AUTO CRASH

PROMINENT PIONEERS KILLED IN SEATTLE ACCIDENT

Aunt and Uncle of Mrs. A. E. Labowitch, of Marshfield, Victims of Auto Smashup This Week

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Prosch, who were killed in an auto accident in Seattle Wednesday, when two others lost their lives, were an aunt and uncle of Mrs. A. E. Labowitch, of the Fair Store of Marshfield. They were returning from Tacoma when the Japanese chauffeur to avoid hitting an aged couple on a bridge, ran the machine over the side dropping thirty five feet into the water.

Mr. Prosch at one time was owner and publisher of The Pacific Tribune a daily and weekly of Olympia. He was also one of the founders of the combine with the Post forming the Post-Intelligencer. In 1886 he was appointed postmaster of Seattle by President Grant.

Mrs. Prosch was the youngest daughter of the late Gen. M. McCarter of Tacoma, Washington.

MEXICAN TROUBLE

SITUATION IN MEXICO CITY GETTING WORSE

Statement From the American Colony There is That Conditions More Chaotic Than Ever

EL PASO, April 3.—A statement from the American colony in Mexico City, in which it was declared that that situation was "more chaotic and helpless than ever" was brought to the border today by Arthur Bulard Johnson, a delegate representing jointly 2000 American and an international organization of foreigners.