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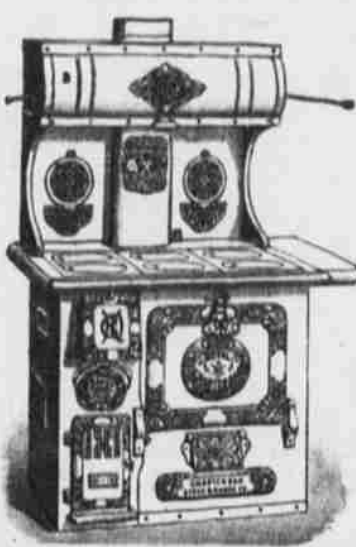
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BOILER EXPLOSION ON RIVER STEAMER

Four Killed and Six Injured Near New Westminster.

TWO PASSENGERS DROWNED

Women Blown Overboard Into Fraser River—Others Killed Were Deck Hands—Purser and Mate Will Probably Die.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 17.—By an explosion of a boiler on the river steamer Ramona, this afternoon, four people were killed outright and six others seriously injured. The dead include two women who were passengers on the steamer, and two deck hands. Of the injured, the purser and mate will probably die.

The dead are: Mrs. H. Morrison, of Fort Langley, B. C.

Mrs. Baillie, of Mount Lehman, B. C. John Mack, a deck hand, Henry Phipps, a deck hand.

The injured are: Richard Hower, purser, fatally burned; James Maynard, mate probably burned fatally; George Knowles, fireman, badly burned; three Indians, seriously burned.

The boiler explosion occurred in midstream while the steamer was en route from New Westminster to Fort Langley, the latter being a farming settlement about 25 miles from this city. By the force of the explosion Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Baillie, who were returning home after a day's shopping in New Westminster, were blown into the river and were drowned before aid reached them.

The bodies of both women have been recovered and are comparatively free from bruises or burns, indicating that death was due to drowning. The remains of the two deck hands, Phipps and Mack, have not been found. Purser Hower was badly scalded by escaping steam and Mate Maynard was also fearfully burned.

The Ramona is a stern wheel steamer of about 300 tons.

BANK MANAGER ABSCONDED.

Lemars, Iowa, National Bank Failed to Open Yesterday.

ST. PAUL, April 17.—A Sioux City, Iowa, Special to the Dispatch says:

The Lemars National Bank at Lemars, Iowa, did not open this morning. Thomas F. Ward, vice-president and manager of the institution, is a self-confessed embezzler to the amount of \$25,000 to \$30,000. He has also absconded. Ward departed Monday night and yesterday Cashier Frank Koots received a letter from Ward, beginning: "Dear Frank—I leave tonight, for God Almighty knows where. Board of trade business has ruined me. Save me from an indictment if you can. I will pay back every cent I can."

A sad feature of his case is that Mrs. Ward is dangerously ill at her home, having given birth to a child but a week ago. The news of her husband's disgrace is kept from her.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN.

Over Half Billion Dollars in Gold in United States Treasury.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The Evening Post today says:

Today's summary of the U. S. treasury report of yesterday afternoon shows that the government aggregate gold holdings for the first time in history have passed the half-billion-dollar mark. The exact total was \$500,278,506.

This is the largest amount of gold now held by any single financial institution in the world, and it is the largest ever held by any institution with one exception, the Imperial Bank of Russia, which, in February, 1898, raised its total holdings to \$590,300,000. At present, however, the Russian bank holds only \$371,500,000.

HILL UNCOMMUNICATIVE.

Says News Regarding Burlington Must Come From Other Sources.

SPOKANE, April 17.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, passed through Spokane this afternoon. When asked as to the truth of the report that he has secured control of the Burlington road he replied:

"I don't want to say anything about that. You will have to get that from the other end."

STRIKE TREMBLES IN BALANCE.

Decision May Be Reached by the Steel Workers Today.

PITTSBURGH, April 17.—The threatened strike of all the men of the Amalgamated Association employed in organized mills of the American Sheet

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DORIC IN QUARANTINE.

Had Smallpox on Board When She Reached Hawaii.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—

The steamer Doric arrived today from the Orient via Honolulu and is detained in quarantine owing to the fact that there was a case of smallpox on board when the vessel reached Hawaii. The Doric brings news of the safety of the Garonne, thirty-eight days out from Manila. She was in Honolulu when the steamer sailed. The Garonne has the Twenty-sixth infantry on board. Owing to the delay in her arrival here there was considerable uneasiness.

NEW THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

Methodists Are Planning to Start One at Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 17.—Dr. L. E. Rockwell, presiding elder of the Methodist church of the Portland district, has plans for the establishment of a theological school at Portland in connection with and as an adjunct of the Willamette University.

"We are going to hold a great educational convention at Willamette University to promote the growth and interests of that institution in June. "The theological project will be brought up at that time."

SUICIDE AT BUTTE.

Mining Man Who Was Prevented by His Wife From Committing Murder Then Shot Himself.

BUTTE, Mont., April 17.—Al Davidson, a mining man operating at White Sulphur Springs but living in Butte, committed suicide here tonight by shooting himself in the head.

He had been in a row with another man and went home to get his gun and kill his adversary. His wife persuaded him not to leave the house and shortly after this his wife went into the room where he was and found him dying with a bullet in his brain and a pistol by his side.

PLOT AGAINST EMPRESS.

Korean Minister of Justice Sentenced to Death.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 17.—News has been received here from Seoul, Korea to the effect that the Korean minister of justice, Ki Kon Ho, was arrested April 1 for participation in a conspiracy against the empress of Korea. He named various high officials as accomplices in the plot. He was condemned to death April 5, and another minister of the Korean court was sentenced to fifteen years' hard labor. The other implicated officials were acquitted.

TO HAVE LARGER STEAMERS.

Tacoma Planning to Take Advantage of Ship Subsidy Bill.

TACOMA, April 17.—It is announced that the freight and passenger steamers now plying between Tacoma, Yokohama and Hong Kong in connection with the Northern Pacific railroad are soon to be supplanted by larger vessels. The new steamers probably will be of American build, as the company will take advantage of the steamship subsidy bill if it becomes a law.

LAWTON IN QUARANTINE.

Transport Brings Three Cases of Smallpox From Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—The transport Lawton arrived today from Manila and went into quarantine. Three cases of smallpox developed on the vessel during the voyage. The Lawton brings twenty-seven officers and 700 men of the Thirty-ninth infantry.

RAID ON POOL ROOMS.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The committee of fifteen raided several alleged pool rooms this afternoon. The raids in each case were personally conducted by individual members of the committee.

CATHOLIC INDEMNITY CLAIMS.

PEKIN, April 17.—The foreign office confirms the dispatch from Washington saying that France will take charge of the Catholic claims against China.

RIPLEY CASE.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 17.—The argument in the Ripley case will begin tomorrow, the testimony having closed today.

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CEBU, P. I., April 17.—A thousand troops in the island of Cebu are unable to accomplish the surrender or capture of 200 insurgent riflemen still out. Colonel McClernand says that the terms the insurgents offer are impossible. Of fifty towns a dozen of the largest have been organized under a military order. Others are believed to have insurgent governments.

Judge Taft, addressing the convention today, deplored the fact that Cebu was the least pacified province and called on the delegates to decide whether 200 men would be permitted to restrain peace and prosperity or whether the majority would organize and notify the mountain sulkers to cease causing trouble. If the people were not all ready to do this the commission would not supersede the military by civil control.

The exhortation was not demonstratively received. Leading Visayans from twenty-four towns represented urged the organization of a provincial government and the windup of the rebellion. The island probably will be organized as one province. The population numbers 650,000.

PEACE ON MARINDUQUE.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The war department today received the following cablegram from General MacArthur at Manila:

"Colonel Abad, insurgent leader of Marinduque, nine officers, seventy soldiers, 27 small arms, surrendered to (Major) Frederick A. Smith, April 13, taking the oath with an impressive ceremony. They were then released. This ends the insurrection there. "MacARTHUR."

DAVIS READY TO ANSWER.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Major Geo. B. Davis today received a reply to his message cabled to Col. Woodruff at Manila expressing his willingness to return to Manila on the first available transport to face charges that have been brought against him. Colonel Woodruff's reply was an assurance that such a step is not necessary.

GREAT NAVAL STATION.

NEW YORK, April 17.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

If the plans of the navy department are adopted by congress, a five-million-dollar naval station will be established at Olanggopo, Subig bay, Luzon.

Upon the recommendation of Rear-Admiral Endicott, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, Secretary Long has appointed a board consisting of Rear-Admiral Taylor, Civil Engineers Wolcott and Menocel to meet at the New York navy yard for the purpose of preparing the plans and estimates upon which congress will be urged to act. The board of which Rear-Admiral Remy was president only selected the site for the projected station, leaving the department to determine upon its extent. The dry dock to be built at Olanggopo will cost at least \$1,000,000 and the shops and tools are expected to cost at least \$4,000,000.

It is the purpose of the department to urge congress to act expeditiously in order that the work of repairing men-of-war can be done in American yards. At this time the smaller vessels are repaired at Cavite, but the larger ships are sent to Hong Kong for docking and important repairs. Work at Hong Kong is very expensive and Secretary Long believes the money spent in an English port should be distributed among American workmen.

BURLINGTON PURCHASE.

Northern Pacific Will Be the Line Most Benefited.

NEW YORK, April 17.—In discussing today the Burlington purchase, the circumstances under which the road had been acquired and the advantages which it was expected the purchasing companies would gain, one of the highest authorities in Northern Pacific affairs said to the Evening Post:

"In the recent negotiations the Burlington people have insisted on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern acting jointly to safeguard themselves as far as possible in the matter of security.

"It is a fact that the Northern Pacific will be most largely and in fact almost altogether benefited by the Burlington being worked in harmony with the Northern Pacific lines. All three roads will continue to be operated as

independent properties. There will be no consolidation.

"We are agreeing to pay eight per cent on Burlington stock and the profit on such a guarantee will, in part, have to be worked out by economy. We hope to get it down to four per cent. At that figure, if we agree to pay, you see, looks less extravagant."

CONFERENCE OVER CUBA.

Senators Cockerell and Proctor Consult With the President.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Senators Proctor, of Vermont, and Cockerell, of Missouri, had an important conference with the president today regarding the situation in Cuba. Both have made trips to the islands since the adjournment of congress. Senator Cockerell is a representative of the political opposition in the senate, but is held in high esteem by the president, who was greatly interested today in listening to his views.

Senators Proctor and Cockerell agreed substantially as to the conditions obtaining on the island and they agree as to the outcome of pending negotiations with the Cubans.

Senator Cockerell told the president that in his opinion the Cubans would accept the terms of the Platt amendment in the end. After the commission appointed to visit Washington understands the situation he thinks there will be no other alternative open to them.

LANDING PLACE FOR CABLE.

Site Selected on West Coast of Vancouver Island.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 17.—A site has been selected on Barclay sound, on the west coast of Vancouver island, for the landing place for the Pacific cable. It consists of 100 acres. There is a good harbor and room for a fleet of battleships.

SENATOR SENTENCED.

Two and a Half Years' Imprisonment for Passing Bad Check.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Alonzo J. Whitman, formerly a state senator of Minnesota, convicted of passing a bad check, was today sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Silver, 50¢

HARD FIGHT OVER NEW LIQUOR LAW

Charges of Bribery Freely Circulated at Honolulu.

HOME RULE MAJORITY SPLIT

Party Lines Being Broken—Pension for Ex-Queen or Lump Sum Will Be Granted—Hawaiian Language in Courts.

HONOLULU, April 9, via San Francisco, April 17.—The territorial legislature is now in the midst of a hard fight over the proposed liquor dispensary law. The bill has been before the senate in various stages for several days and committee reports for and against it have been made. The campaign has developed into a very bitter one and there are many charges of a corruption fund circulated by the liquor interests. It will be some days before the final vote is reached in the senate and then the fight will reach the lower house. Party lines have completely broken on the subject.

The bill to allow the ex-queen \$12,000 a year as a pension has two substitutes, one proposing to give her \$250,000 in a lump sum, and the other to make at this time an appropriation of \$12,000 for her for the next two years. Most of the independents are understood to favor giving the \$250,000.

The house has finally passed a bill to provide for the use of the Hawaiian as well as the English language in the circuit courts of the territory. Since the annexation only English has been allowed in courts of record.

The big home rule majority in both houses has split to some extent and divisions are close upon many questions now.

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