

BATTLE ON BOARD TRAIN

Suspects Resist Arrest and Are Attacked by Officers, and a Lively Fight Follows.

ARE ACCUSED OF ROBBING

One of the Roughts Probably Fatally Shot, While an Officer Loses a Finger—Desperado Escapes.

Salt Lake, Feb. 27.—A special to the Tribune from Milford, Utah, says:

In a battle on board a train which followed the attempt of Marshal Hickman and Deputy Sheriff Stoddard to arrest two men suspected of holding up and robbing a gang of Greek laborers at Callentes last Tuesday, one of the suspects was shot and probably fatally wounded, Marshal Hickman had a finger shot off and an Italian laborer was shot through the hand.

When the San Pedro train arrived at midnight the officers began searching for the suspects, who were known to be on board, and when Hickman ordered one of the men to hold up his hands the suspect reached for his gun, but the marshal was too quick for him and shot him through the arm, badly wounding him. Fifteen Italian laborers were in the car asleep and thinking the train was being held up by highwaymen the Italians pulled their guns and commenced firing wildly in all directions, shouting and yelling. One of the Italians struck the marshal over the head and one of the bullets took off his finger. In the excitement one of the desperadoes escaped.

SOCIAL NOTES

The progressive dinner given by the members of the Chafing Dish Club on Washington's birthday was an unequalled success. Miss Crang and Mrs. Carruthers served the first two courses at the residence of Mrs. George, the guests then going in carriages to Mrs. Bennett's, where the fish and entree were served by Miss Tallant and Mrs. Bennett. The next two courses were served at the residence of Mrs. Elmore, where Mrs. Finch and the

Misses Elmore entertained. Miss Reed and Miss Hobson had the salad, dessert and coffee. After the dinner the members of the club went to Hanthorn's hall, where dancing was indulged in until after midnight. The decorations were all very attractive, carrying out the idea of Washington's birthday.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather on Thursday evening, the reception tendered Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Hopkins Brown, of the Presbyterian church, was well attended, a representative gathering of Astorians being present. Mr. Eakin, as chairman of the reception, introduced Rev. and Mrs. Brown and called upon Rev. Trumbull, of the Baptist church, for a few remarks. Mr. Trumbull spoke in his usual happy style and he was followed by other local ministers. The pastor responded feelingly to the many manifestations of welcome. The young ladies of the church served dainty refreshments that seemed to be as much appreciated as the address.

The Bostonians, the famous opera company, played in Portland during the week and a great many Astorians went up to attend the performances. In one party were: Mr. and Mrs. G. H. George, Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Dunbar, Mr. Albert Dunbar, John E. Gratke, George Warren, Oswald West and the Misses Elmore.

Mrs. A. A. Finch entertained the young ladies of the Thursday Afternoon Club. The lunch table was very attractive, being all in red and white. In the center of the table was a large vase of red carnations, candelabra, with red candles and shades, and place cards with red settees made a very effective decoration.

Duncan McLean returned to his home in Portland after spending two weeks in the city.

Mrs. H. E. Judge, of Portland, has been visiting Miss Tallant for the past week.

Miss Elmore and Miss Floretta Elmore spent most of the week in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Megler have gone to Tacoma and Seattle for a few days.

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BATTLE STORY OF THE JAPS

Official Report Sent to Tokyo Says Steamers Were Sunk by Own Crews.

ESCAPE WITHOUT A SCRATCH

Pursue Russian Torpedo Boat to Pigeon Bay Where It Is Destroyed—Fail to Block Harbor of Port Arthur.

Tokio, Feb. 27.—The official report of the attempt made last Tuesday night to block the entrance of the harbor of Port Arthur reached Tokio last night (Friday). The report was written by Vice-Admiral Kamimura, division commander under Admiral Togo. The report recites that at a certain point near Port Arthur Tuesday evening a number of merchant steamers escorted by a torpedo flotilla were dispatched for the purpose of closing the entrance of the harbor. The torpedo flotilla rejoined the fleet at 10 a. m. Wednesday at sea at a rendezvous previously agreed upon and reported that the steamer Hokoku Maru had been sunk at the foot of the lighthouse on the left side of the entrance. The Bishu Maru was sunk outside, beyond the Hokoku Maru. The Tenshin Maru, the Buoy Maru and Jinson Maru were sunk at the foot of Laotche Hill almost side by side. All the above mentioned steamers were sunk by their own crews, who were all safely rescued.

The torpedo flotilla was unharmed. The torpedo flotilla also reported that it discovered the Russian cruisers Bayan and Novik together with a few destroyers in the outer harbor. After the flotilla rejoined the main fleet advanced slowly on Port Arthur, where it found the Russian cruisers Bayan, Askold and Novik slowly moving about the outer harbor under cover of the batteries.

A bombardment began at long range and at 11:45 a. m. all the ships and batteries were responding vigorously. Shortly after noon the Novik retreated to the inner harbor. The Askold and Bayan quickly followed, demonstrating that the sinking of the steamers had not blocked the entrance of the harbor. A bombardment of the inner harbor was then ordered and for 15 minutes all the heavy guns of the Japanese fleet threw shells over the hills into the harbor. The Japanese were unable to determine the effect of the bombardment, but saw huge columns of smoke arising from time to time. In the meantime the Japanese cruiser squadron discovered two Russian torpedo destroyers at the foot of Laotche hill and gave chase. One of the destroyers escaped, but the other was pursued into Pigeon bay, where it was sunk. Vice-Admiral Kamimura reports that the Japanese fleet sustained no damage and did not lose a single man.

Estate Exceeds \$3,000,000.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Much valuable real estate in the business district of Chicago was devised by the will of the late Frederick R. Otis, which has been filed in the probate court. The value of the estate will, it is believed, exceed \$3,000,000. The beneficiaries are the widow, Charles T. and Lucius J. Otis, sons, and Mrs. Adele M. Deming, Margaret E. Otis, Winifred Otis, Hine and Grace R. Otis.

Mysterious Circumstance.

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Consul From Bolivia.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The collector of the port has been notified by the treasury department that Joseph Aguirre Acha has been appointed consul-general of Bolivia for the port of San Francisco, with jurisdiction over the states of California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada and the territory of Arizona.

Owen's Pink Mixture.

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Wall Street Depressed.

New York, Feb. 27.—Depressing factors have continued in the ascendant in Wall street, but have been partly offset by indications that the stock market was oversold. Financial troubles in foreign markets, growing out of the war in the far east, have had a reflex effect in New York. The war in grain

freight rates threat of a great strike of soft coal miners, declining railroad earnings, some anxiety over the winter wheat crop, the cuts in pig iron prices, shrinkage in bank clearings as a possible index of a falling off in the general business and the suspense over the decision in the Northern Securities merger case are some of the topics which have served to keep sentiment unsettled and nervous.

Mrs. Vanderbilt Improving.

New York, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, who has been in ill health for several weeks, is reported to be on the road to recovery. For a time, it is said, her condition was quite serious, owing to complications, but no information was allowed to reach those outside the family. Her young daughter is stated to be in complete health.

There are two national banks in Mt. Pleasant, Ia., and it has just developed that a majority of stock in each case is owned by a woman.

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Republican Primaries.

Notice is hereby given, that the republican primary election will be held in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, State of Oregon, on Saturday, April 2, 1904, for the purpose of electing 44 delegates to the Republican County convention to be held in the City of Astoria, on Saturday, April 9, 1904, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various county offices to be filled at the general election to be held on Monday, June 6, 1904. The following is the number of delegates, polling places and judges and clerks appointed for said primary election:

Ward No. 1.—Polling place, No. two's engine house; judges, J. G. Trullinger, C. H. Stockton, James Ellsworth; clerks, Jas. Hannaford, Chas. Abercrombie; 17 delegates.

Ward No. 2.—Polling place, Welch office; judges, Jas. W. Welch, Sam Gallich, E. C. Foster; clerks, T. R. Davis, W. C. Curtis; 17 delegates.

Ward No. 3.—Polling place, W. F. McGregor's office; judges, Wm. Painter, L. Agren and John Nordstrom; clerks, W. P. O'Brien, Geo. Leeland; 10 delegates.

G. C. FULTON, Chairman, C. J. CURTIS, Secretary.

Republican County Convention.

Notice is hereby given, that a Republican County Convention for Clatsop county, State of Oregon, will be held at the City of Astoria, on Saturday, April 9, 1904, at the court house at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for the purpose of nominating the following county officers to be voted for at the state election to be held on Monday, June 6, 1904, and electing 10 delegates to attend the Republican state convention to be held at the city of Portland, on Tuesday, April 12, 1904, and 10 delegates to the congressional convention:

- Two representatives, One county clerk, One sheriff, One treasurer, One county commissioner, One coroner, One assessor, One surveyor, Justices of the peace and constables in the various precincts.

The various precincts of the county are entitled to one delegate at large and one delegate for every 25 votes or fraction over of the votes cast for F. I. Dunbar for secretary of state, the apportionment being as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Number of Delegates. Includes Astoria No. 1-3, John Day, Svensen, Walluski, New Astoria, Warrenton, Clatsop, Seaside, Metville, Chadwell, Youngs River, Olney, Knappa, Clifton, Westport, Vesper, Jewell, Mishawaka, Elsie, Push, Total.

Total. 112 The committee recommends that the primaries be held on Saturday, April 2, 1904. G. C. FULTON, Chairman. C. J. CURTIS, Secretary.

EFFORT BEING MADE TO BRING SETTLERS TO CANADA

Advantages Are Advertised--No Sentiment Favorable to Annexation to the United States, Says Leader.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 27.—The interior department is doing smart work in the United States and Britain by way of attracting settlers to the Dominion from those countries. Indiana editors are to be made evangelists for Canada. W. J. White, superintendent of immigration agencies, has arranged for the Allied Press Association of that populous state to tour Manitoba, the Northwest and British Columbia this summer, when the West is at its best. Two hundred prominent editors will come to the coast. Among others who will accompany the writers will be Senators Beveridge and Fairbanks, Governor Durbia, Booth Tarkington and James Whitcomb Riley, not to mention lesser lights like congressmen and mayors.

As to British endeavor, Hon. James A. Smart, deputy minister of the interior, is acting up to his name during his present visit to England in the interests of further immigration to the great northwest. Mr. Smart, according to private letters received in Vancouver, has been telling the London reporters of the reasons why success attended Canadian efforts to secure good settlers from the United States and the old land. In the first place, he explained, it was due to the activity of agents in

prosecuting the well-considered plans of the interior department to thoroughly advertise Canada as the greatest wheat-producing country in the world. Secondly, the work of showing the advantages of Canada has been carried out in a systematic and judicious way and the dominion government has shown by actual results what may be regarded as a never-failing rule in business, "persistence always wins."

"Speaking of the statements constantly made in London that the Americans who are flocking to Canada will ultimately Americanize the country, Mr. Stewart said that only those who had no personal knowledge of the subject would hazard the suggestion. "I hope" said he, "that no person will be deluded into believing that Canada will ever join hands with the American republic. There is no more sentiment today in favor of Canada being annexed by the United States than there is of her being annexed by Japan or Mexico. What we do want is that thousands of British settlers who are going to the United States and other foreign nations should not forget the advantages Canada offers them to establish homes for themselves and, in a very few years, to gain independence and competency. To a worker this is a certainty."

MANEUVERS ARE CLUMSY

Russian Report of Battle Belittles Seamanship of the Japanese Navy.

MAKE VERY GOOD TARGETS

Certain That Enemy Entailed Loss—Two Chinese Killed by Chance Shots During the Engagement.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—The Port Arthur correspondent of the Russ telegraphs as follows:

On the morning of February 25, a Japanese squadron, consisting of six battleships and four light cruisers, appeared on the horizon. The Russian cruisers Askold, Bayan and Novok were in the outer harbor. The Japanese ships, upon attaining a position within 35 cable lengths (about 4 1/2 miles) of the Russian ships, opened an attack. At this time two of our torpedo boats returning to our ships from Pigeon bay. All the Japanese cruisers attempted to cut them off; nevertheless, one of the torpedo boats succeeded in reaching Port Arthur, while the other turned back. The scene of the battle was thus cut in two, the Japanese battleships cannonading the Askold, Bayan and Novik, which were supported by the batteries and the cruisers pursuing the Russian torpedo boat which entered Pigeon bay. The cannonade lasted 40 minutes and several shells fell at various points in the fort-

ress. One Chinaman was mortally wounded by a splinter and one by a shell. In yesterday's affair the maneuver of the Japanese appeared to be defective. While turning back to sea the Japanese battleships got bunched and our ships did not fail to take advantage of the fact. They opened a running fire and one could clearly see shells bursting amidst the tremendous targets. This clumsy maneuver on the part of the Japanese is considered an affording weighty reasons for the belief that the enemy's losses were heavy.

A Japanese torpedo boat lies on a bank off Port White Wolf. It is apparently one of those which participated in the night attack with the freighters.

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