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## ARABIA IS DOUBTLESS IN CUSTODY

Russian Officials Have No Knowledge of Reported Release of Portland-Asiatic Steamship.

Prize Court Will Examine Into Status of Vessel at Vladivostok Session.

## THE CAPTAIN IS TALKATIVE

Tells Everything He Knows and Makes Matters Extremely Bad for the Charterers of His Steamship.

Vladivostok, July 30.—The prize court here will tomorrow begin examination into the case of the Portland & Asiatic liner Arabia, which was seized by the Russian Vladivostok squadron. The German captain of the steamer is much upset by the capture of his vessel, and declares that when the American company in Portland hired the boat he did not know he was expected to carry contraband material. He protested when he discovered the nature of the cargo, as did also the Hamburg company which owned the boat. The American charterers assured them, however, that there was no danger of the steamer's capture, as the Vladivostok squadron was not near her route.

If this is confirmed in court, the vessel and her cargo will probably be confiscated, with the exception of that portion of her cargo addressed to Hongkong, and concerning this there appears to be some doubt. It turns out that 2800 tons of the cargo of flour was not addressed to any person or place, but "to order." The consignee holding the order may be at any stopping place of the steamer.

## MAY STILL BE HELD.

Russians Know Nothing of Reported Release of Arabia.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—The foreign office is unable to confirm the current report of the release of the steamer Arabia, captured 100 miles north of Yokohama, and which arrived at Vladivostok yesterday.

## FLEET HAS DISAPPEARED.

Japs in the Dark as to the Vladivostok Squadron.

Tokio, July 29, 10 a. m.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The Vladivostok squadron has disappeared and it is possible that its raid is over and that it is heading homeward. It is expected that shipping will be resumed on the eastern coast. The Pacific Mail Company's steamship Korea will be held at Yokohama and the steamship Siberia at Kobe until their safety is assured.

The German Mail Steamship Company is using Kobe as a terminal for the transshipment of passengers and cargo. The raid of the Vladivostok squadron has been an extremely disastrous one. It is estimated that 200,000 tons of chartered shipping has been held 10 days at a loss of seven million and one-half dollars.

## SKINNED FROM HEAD TO KNEES.

Portland Man Meets Horrible Death as Result of Explosion.

Portland, April 30.—While B. J. Kel-

ly, cleaner in an automobile livery, was at work on an automobile this evening the gasoline tank exploded. Kelly was blown 40 feet and skinned alive from head to knees. After suffering horrible torture for four hours Kelly died at 10 o'clock tonight.

Kelly was alone when the accident happened, but examination of the machine showed that the flood gate to the tank had been unlocked, and it is supposed the man either was smoking or examining the apparatus with a match.

## GREER DEFENDS HIS TITLE.

Again Wins Championship Single Scull at Olympic Regatta.

Creve Coeur Lake, Mo., July 30.—Frank B. Greer, of the East Boston A. A. B. C., who so decisively defeated Constance Titus in the championship single sculls last year, today successfully defended his title to the national championship against Titus, and the best single scullers of the United States.

The single scull championship was the feature of the day at the national Olympic regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, held on Creve Coeur Lake. The summary follows:

International double sculls—Ravenwood B. C., Long Island City, N. Y., first; Pensacola B. C., Pensacola, Fla., second; time, 10:05 1-5.

Intermediate four-oared shells—South Side B. C., Quincy, Ill., first; Mound City B. C., St. Louis, second; time, 9:59 1/4.

Senior international four-oared shells—Century B. C., St. Louis, first; Western B. C., St. Louis, second; no time.

Senior double sculls—Atlanta B. C., New York, first; Ravenwood B. C., Long Island City, second; time, 10:03 1/4.

## GREAT FLOOD IN NEVADA.

Cloudburst Occurs and It is Feared There Has Been Loss of Life.

Reno, Nev., July 30.—A waste of water averaging five feet in depth swept over Douglas and Silver Peak, near Sodaville, Nev., tonight, as the result of a cloudburst. On account of interrupted communication, it can not be learned whether or not any lives were lost, although it is known that a school house, three or four residences and a number of barns and smaller buildings were swept away.

The people of Sodaville are now preparing to flee to higher ground, having been warned that an immense body of water was headed towards that town. The wires at this time (midnight) are down and it is hard to determine whether the flood has struck Sodaville.

## TAWNEY TO BE MANAGER.

Will Look After Republican Campaign Speakers' Bureau.

Chicago, July 30.—Chairman Cortelyou, of the national republican committee, spent today conferring with prominent party leaders from the middle west, and tonight announced that Congressman Tawney, of Minnesota, had been appointed to manage the speakers' bureau during the coming campaign.

Announcement of the membership of the executive committee, which was expected to have been made today by Chairman Cortelyou, will not be made until some time next week.

## LOU DILLON VERY ILL.

Famous Mare Taken Sick After an Exhibition Race.

Cleveland, July 30.—Following an exhibition race today, Lou Dillon was taken seriously ill at Glenville track. Late tonight it was said the animal's temperature was 104, and grave fears were expressed of her death. The mare is the property of C. K. G. Billings.

## RUSSIANS SCOFF IDEA THAT JAPS CAN TAKE PORT ARTHUR FORTRESS

Declare That Long, Dangerous and Difficult Operation Lies Before Them in Their Efforts to Capture It.

Would First Have to Take One of Outer Positions, and in Bringing Up Siege Guns Would Be Subjected to Flanking Fire and Fire From Fleet—Rumors That General Assault Has Been Begun Are Discredited.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—In view of the rumors of the storming and fall of Port Arthur, the general staff authorizes the Associated Press to declare positively that not a single position forming part of the land defenses at Port Arthur has yet fallen into the enemy's hands, and that the besiegers nowhere are nearer than eight or ten miles to the fortress. The general staff also declares that the bombardments reported July 26, 27 and 28 are nothing more than preliminaries to an attempt to secure possession of one of the outer positions, probably Lun Vantan.

If the Japanese shall succeed in taking one of these positions, they will have to bring up their siege guns under a flanking fire from the adjoining positions and from the cruisers sent out for this purpose. If this task proves possible, then only will the Japanese be able to bombard the fortress itself and prepare for a final assault, and it is easy to see what a long, dangerous and difficult operation lies before them.

## TERRIFIC FIGHTING OCCURS.

Bombardment of Port Arthur Said to Be Continuing Vigorously.

Chefoo, July 30, 1 p. m.—A junk which left Port Arthur on Thursday last at midnight reports terrific fighting on land and sea, which had then been going on for three days. The highest Japanese authority of the besieging forces had planned to begin their final assault on Tuesday last and expected to effect the capture by July 29 but that no official reports were expected from the army or from Admiral Togo, until the present attack results in success or failure. Japanese correspondents here are now sending junks to the Miao Tao islands, ready to enter the harbor at

Port Arthur immediately after the fall of the fortress. The Associated Press correspondent learns from the same reliable source that the action of the Vladivostok squadron hastened the present action upon Port Arthur, the Japanese authorities realizing that if these vessels were allowed to proceed unhampered any longer, it meant the division of Admiral Togo's fleet, with the outcoming of the Russian ships now cooped up by him at Port Arthur. The most intense interest in the Port Arthur situation is taken not only here, but in Shanghai and Tien Tsin. Many commercial concerns in these places are continually wiring here for news.

In this city many wagers are being made at odds of 20 to 1 in pounds sterling, that Port Arthur will not fall within the next 10 months, German residents offering and Englishmen accepting the bets.

## SAYS FORTRESS HAS FALLEN.

Report Reaches Chefoo That Japanese Have Taken Port Arthur.

Chefoo, July 31.—2 p. m.—A Japanese merchant has received word from a Chinese whom he trusts to the effect that the Japanese have captured every position surrounding the besieged fortress at Port Arthur with the exception of Golden Hill. The Chinese stated that both sides suffered tremendous losses in the operations necessary to bring about this state of affairs.

The members of the Russian Intelligence bureau here, while denying the report that Port Arthur has been captured, are inclined to believe the reports are true to the extent that the Japanese have made great progress in their operations about the besieged fortress. The party of Russian refugees expected here today has not arrived.

## FRANCE SEVERS RELATIONS WITH THE VATICAN AT ROME

Paris, July 30.—A note severing diplomatic relations between France and the vatican has been sent to the holy see by the French government. It is couched in the following terms:

"After having on several occasions pointed out the serious blow struck at the government's rights under the concordat by the vatican's dealing directly with the French bishops without consulting with the power with which the concordat was signed, and seeing that the pontifical secretary of state, in his reply of July 25, affirmed these proceedings, the French government has decided to conclude official relations with the holy see, whose desire had become objectless."

Monsignor Lorenzelli, the papal nuncio, left Paris tonight on his way to Rome.

The rupture in the relations between France and the vatican does not cause surprise. It had been generally foreseen that Premier Combes determined to bring it about, despite the opposition which doubtless he met from certain members of the cabinet. The impression prevails that the government will be satisfied with having given the vatican a lesson, and that it will not seek to repeal the concordat when parliament reassembles.

## ROCK ISLAND TRAIN HELD UP.

Passengers Robbed and Express and Mail Cars Dynamited.

El Paso, Tex., July 31.—A train crew which has just arrived from Santa Rosa reports that the Rock Island passenger which left El Paso at 7 o'clock last night was held up near Tucumcari, N. M., and robbed. The passengers were lined up and their valuables taken from them, after which the express and mail cars were uncoupled from the train and run about two miles up the track and there dynamited and robbed.

At the headquarters of the El Paso & Northeastern railroad news of the train robbery received partial confirmation, but the officials say they can

learn nothing definite. Dispatchers in this city, while admitting knowledge of the reported robbery, profess to know no particulars.

## VON PLEHVE'S SUCCESSOR.

County Ignatieff Appointed to Fill Place of Dead Minister.

London, July 30.—A special from St. Petersburg to the Agence Russe says that County Ignatieff will succeed the late M. von Plehve as minister of the interior.

Nicholas Pavlovitch Ignatieff was born at St. Petersburg in 1833, and entered the guard when 17 years old. In 1860 he was appointed Russian ambassador at Peking and years later was made ambassador to Turkey. He was

appointed minister of the interior under Alexander III, but was dismissed in 1882. Then he became a member of the council of the empire. He has since been conspicuous as a leader of the pan-Slavic party in Russia.

## RAINS CAUSE MUCH DAMAGE.

Wall of Water Thirty Feet High Sweeps Arizona Canyon.

Kingman, Ariz., July 30.—Heavy rains in the mountains east of Truxton last night sent down a wall of water 30 feet high through the canyon, washing out the Santa Fe railroad track, embankments, bridges, telegraph poles and everything movable for a distance of 12 miles. Great steel bridges were taken from their foundations and piled up against the walls of the canyon, and massive stone abutments crumbled and were carried away.

## JAPANESE NOT ACTIVE.

Little Change of Importance in Manchurian Situation.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—The reports of the storming of Port Arthur were received here with smiles of incredulity. The war office contradicts the rumored fall of the fortress. There is no change of importance in the situation in Manchuria, except that the Japanese have made a slight advance toward Halcheng, and they are developing a flank movement from Simousheng, 15 miles from Halcheng. They continue active in Sikseyan.

## Trouble in Tangier.

Tangier, July 30.—Last night all the guards about the city were doubled and a strong mounted force patrolled the outskirts until daylight. Europeans living in isolated places have been warned to come into the city. The diplomatic corps held a meeting today, at which Mohammed el Torres, the sultan's representative here, and two of his council were present. It is believed the object of the conference was to discuss the present disturbed conditions.

## Status of Volunteer Fleet.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—With reference to the statement that the Russian volunteer fleet steamers Smolensk and St. Petersburg will remain warships with the right to search and sink neutral vessels, the Associated Press is informed that no action has been decided upon beyond the arrangement made with Great Britain, according to which no merchantman was to be arrested by volunteer fleet steamers.

## Trains Collide; Many Hurt.

Rochester, N. Y., July 30.—A serious accident occurred tonight on the Rochester, Charlotte & Manitou railroad a trolley road running along the shore of Lake Ontario to Manitou beach. Thirteen persons were seriously hurt, three or four fatally. The conductor of the westbound train ran past a switch and three-fourths of a mile farther west collided with an eastbound train. Both trains were heavily loaded.

## California Girl Is Champion.

Chicago, July 30.—Miss May Sutton, of California, won the final match in the women's singles at the western championship tournament today, and is now virtually the western woman champion, Miss Mabel McAleer, of Pittsburg, last year's winner, having refused to defend her title.

## Will Not Accept Freight.

San Francisco, July 30.—The Pacific Steamship Company today notified shipping companies that it would not receive any freight for Yokohama, Japan, at present.

## Port Arthur Has Not Fallen.

Tokio, July 30, noon.—The rumored fall of Port Arthur is officially pronounced to be untrue.

## NO SIGN OF ABATEMENT IS IN SIGHT

Indications Are That Great Strike of Packing House Employees Will Be Continued an Indefinite Period.

Report That Four Allied Unions Are Anxious for Peace Denied by Donnelly.

## BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORY

Proposal to Submit the Matter to President Roosevelt for Arbitration Rejected by Head of Union.

Chicago, July 30.—The conflict between capital and unionism which has been going on in the packing trade industry throughout the country for nearly three weeks shows no sign of abatement. The packers tonight declare they have practically won their fight and that the strikers are becoming demoralized. In direct opposition to this statement, the strike leaders assert the victory is with the workmen.

The leaders of the four allied trades unions which went on strike in sympathy with the packing house butchers are said by the packers to have made overtures today for reinstatement. The strike leaders disclaimed any knowledge whatever of the action taken by the four unions, and repeated their assertions that the outlook for victory for the striking workmen was more satisfactory than ever.

During the afternoon there was an attempt on the part of disinterested parties to induce President Donnelly, of the Butchers' Union, to appeal to President Roosevelt to offer his good offices and bring the strike to an end. Donnelly refused to consider the proposition.

President Donnelly left tonight for Omaha, where he will address a meeting of strikers tomorrow. He also will visit Kansas City and St. Joseph, and will return to Chicago next Thursday.

## BIG RIOT AT ST. JOSEPH.

Strikers and Police Engage in Fierce Hand-to-Hand Conflict.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 30.—Rioting broke out in the vicinity of the stockyards in South St. Joseph at 10 o'clock tonight, when the packers were endeavoring to smuggle in a squad of non-union men. Sixty policemen lined up across Illinois avenue to oppose the mob of strikers. A fierce hand-to-hand battle occurred, in which almost every policeman broke his club on the heads of the strikers. One driver was so badly hurt from wounds on the head that he may die. Several special police officers deserted their brother officers during the fight, throwing away their stars and clubs.

The strikers say they will have 2000 men at the plants tomorrow morning to prevent the entrance of two carloads of non-union men who will arrive on the Burlington train from Chicago.

Boise, July 30.—A newspaper change was announced here tonight. The Evening Bulletin and the Evening News have been merged. Both papers have been taken over by a new company called the Capital News Publishing Company.

## ASSASSIN OF VON PLEHVE WILL NOT TALK OF CRIME

St. Petersburg, July 30.—The police declare that they have not yet ascertained the name of the assassin of Minister of the Interior von Plehve. The man who hurled the bomb at von Plehve obstinately refuses to answer questions, and his accomplices also refuse to speak. The police expected this silence, as the proclamations of the anarchists invariably warn their comrades not to answer the questions of the magistrates. Preparations have been completed for a grand funeral tomorrow. The emperor will probably attend the services at the church.

## NATIONAL LABOR TROUBLES DISCUSSED BY PRESIDENT

Washington, July 30.—Labor conditions throughout the country were the subject of a conference which the president held at the White House today with Attorney-General Moody, Secretary Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, and Commissioner of Labor Carrol D. Wright. Several matters which have been appealed to the president were considered, and action upon them will be announced later. The conference was of considerable importance to the administration and to labor generally. The president authorized the announcement that the Chicago strike was not discussed.