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TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY

Final Count of Votes in Regatta Queen Contest Will Be Made at 9 in the Evening.

MISS TALLANT IN THE LEAD

Jumps to First Place, Passing Mrs. Keuttner—Candidates' Friends Are Hustling for Votes.

At 9 o'clock tomorrow night the contest for queen of the Astoria 10th annual regatta will come to a close. There will be another count of votes this afternoon, but the final result will not be announced until 10 o'clock tomorrow night, when the committee will make known the result of the balloting. At 9 o'clock the ballot boxes will be collected, and after that hour there can be no voting.

Yesterday there was still further talk of a "dark horse." Members of the regatta committee heard the story, and it was whispered around that some fair lady, whose name has not yet appeared in the list, would receive a big bunch of votes. This story was going the rounds once before. "We don't know anything about it," said Chairman McBride. "There may be a dark horse, and there may not. I have heard the story, but could not vouch for it."

Yesterday Miss Harriet Tallant jumped to first place and is now 135 votes ahead of Mrs. F. D. Keuttner. Mrs. W. W. Ridehalgh holds third place and Mrs. C. L. Houston fourth place. The count yesterday afternoon showed the result to be as follows:

Miss Harriet Tallant	4888
Mrs. F. D. Keuttner	4753
Mrs. W. W. Ridehalgh	4346
Mrs. C. L. Houston	2591
Miss Harriet Rafter	2274
Miss Grace Stokes	2092
Miss Lillie Lidwell	1891
Miss Frances Norberg	1387

With but 36 hours in which to make their final rally, the friends of the various aspirants will do some tall hustling today and tomorrow. It is said that Mrs. C. L. Houston is to be generously supported at the end of the contest, and that friends of Miss Tallant, Mrs. Ridehalgh and Mrs. Keuttner will also be liberal with their voting. The vote thus far cast does not tend to give a line on the strength of the various candidates, and it is generally agreed that tomorrow's balloting will be spirited.

IRON AND STEEL MARKET.

Several Big Sales Have Been Placed Quite Recently. New York, Aug. 4.—Referring to the

iron and steel market, the Iron Age in this week's issue says:

The principal event of the week has been the closing of contracts for 110,000 tons of standard bessemer pig for delivery over 10 months, beginning in September to the Pittsburg Steel Company.

There is reported further the purchase of 25,000 tons of bessemer pig iron by a Wheeling railway. The same concern which has first part of the order for the Pennsylvania castings in the market for 35,000 tons additional. There seems still to be some uncertainty concerning the second half of the second tunnel castings order and the pig iron for it does not appear to have been covered. The iron for the first half was given to one furnace in New Jersey and two in the Lehigh valley.

Aside from these larger transactions there has been a series of smaller sales at Pittsburg and there has been some activity in the Chicago market. There have been some sales, including one lot of 12,000 tons of basic pig in the east. The complaint is general, however, that these sales nearly all made by northern furnaces, have been made at low prices which in many cases are below the cost of production.

Aside from the large transactions referred to, the buying for foundry purposes is done to cover only requirements for pressing needs or for the current quarter, the buyers apparently not having abandoned their waiting attitude. From the finished iron and steel markets come fair reports. There is a modest increase in the tonnage in the majority of lines but the railroads are still taking material conservatively. As an indication of the amount of working going on, it may be noted that the July sales of the leading structural interest was over 30,000 tons, an unusually large proportion of it taken for builders and miscellaneous structures. The plate trade is reported to be showing some improvement and the low prices of sheets appear to have attracted buyers. Bar iron is somewhat stronger particularly in the Chicago market.

Changes Headquarters.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 4.—W. P. Shawk, superintendent of the Sixth district Western division of the Postal Telegraph & Cable Company, will move his headquarters from Helena to Salt Lake City during the latter part of next month. He will have charge of all telegraph lines of the company from Rawlins, Wyo., to Spokane, Wash., taking in Wyoming west of Rawlins, Utah, Idaho, Montana and Washington as far west as Spokane. The change in the location of the superintendent's office is made necessary that Mr. Hawk may be centrally located in the new territory into which the company is building. The company is now pushing work on the construction of copper wires from Cheyenne west to San Francisco and Helena, so that Montana points will have two outlets over the postal.

BOTH STATES CLAIM MONEY

Oregon and Washington Officials Demand Licence Fees From Sand Island Seiners.

QUESTION OF JURISDICTION

Idea Is Suggested That Matter Be Settled by Friendly Suit or Otherwise.

A dispatch from Salem says: "The dispute over the ownership of what is known as Sand Island, at the mouth of the Columbia river, a small strip of territory claimed by both Oregon and Washington, formed the chief topic by the state fish commission yesterday afternoon, and it is quite probable that the courts, either state or federal, or both, will be called upon to determine the matter. This strip of sandbar is valuable as a seining and fish-trapping ground, and because of its location in the center of the river, a dispute has arisen over the location of the boundary line between the two states.

"The fishermen on this island are making strenuous complaints, principally on the ground that they are compelled to pay license in both states and taxes in two adjacent counties in Washington and Oregon. Just what course will be taken to adjust the difficulty has not yet been determined, but several methods were suggested by different members of the board. One was that the matter be taken before the equity department of the federal court; another that a friendly suit be brought between the two states, and a third that a state boundary commission be agreed upon to establish the line.

"Master Fish Warden Van Dusen was instructed by the board to send a letter stating the conditions to Attorney-General Crawford for an opinion. Another plan offered was to arrest some offending party in connection with the dispute and carry the case into court as a test."

Belongs to Uncle Sam.

It is to be supposed that the question discussed by the state board did not affect the ownership of Sand Island, which is a government preserve, but rather that the commissioners wrestled with the question as to where Sand Island fishermen should pay their licenses. The island was set aside as a government preserve many years ago, and neither Oregon nor Washington has any right there. It will be recalled that United States troops once chased Washington state troops off the island during the height of the agitation concerning the question of the jurisdiction of the two states. The seiners now operating there are privileged to do so by Major Langfitt. It is only reasonable to suppose that, as Oregon and Washington are now conceded to have concurrent jurisdiction over the waters of the Columbia, licenses collected on Sand Island should be equally divided.

CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED.

List of Revenue Cutter Officers Who Have Been Transferred.

Washington, Aug. 1.—(Special Correspondence.)—The following changes among the officers of the revenue cutter service have been made by the treasury department:

Captain C. C. Fengar has been relieved from the command of the cutter Rush on the Pacific, and assigned to the command of the cutter Manning, at San Francisco.

Captain Francis Tuttle is detached from the command of the Manning, and as soon as relieved by Captain Fengar will proceed to his home on waiting orders.

First Assistant Engineer F. C. Snyder is detached from the cutter Bear, in Alaskan waters, and placed on waiting orders.

Lieutenant G. M. Gabbit is detached to duty aboard the cutter Windom, on the Baltimore station.

Second Assistant Engineer R. M. Johnson is detached from duty aboard the cutter Bear, and is assigned to duty on the cutter Manning.

Second Assistant Engineer H. F. Schoenborn is assigned to duty aboard the cutter Seminole, at Boston.

Second Lieutenant W. G. Biasdel is detached from the cutter George S. Boutwell, at Newbern, N. C., and assigned to the cutter Rush, on the Alaska station.

Second Lieutenant F. B. Harwood is detached from the cutter Bear, on

the Alaska station, and assigned to the Manning, at San Francisco.

Chief Engineer F. W. H. Whitaker (retired) is assigned to special duty as assistant inspector of labor and material for the machinery of the cutter Galveston.

Second Assistant Engineer R. B. Adams is ordered to report to the department for promotion.

First Assistant Engineer H. F. Schoenborn is granted 30 days' leave of absence; First Lieutenant J. M. Moore forty-five days' leave.

Brigadier-General Wint, commanding the department of Missouri, has issued a circular for the encouragement of athletic exercises in the army, in which he says:

"The forming of polo clubs and teams among officers, and of baseball and football teams among enlisted men should be encouraged at every post in the department. Polo should be especially encouraged at posts occupied by mounted troops. Under authority from the war department permission will be granted officers to visit other posts for the purpose of taking part in polo contests, and similar permission will be given officers and enlisted men for baseball and football games."

The state department is pursuing its study of the status of American commerce in American bottoms in the far east during the war, but has as yet made no announcement on the subject. The Russian view on this point is said to be disclosed in the "Rules of War," published in St. Petersburg officially early in the present war. The Russian statement is "the flag covers the cargo for a belligerent, excepting contraband of war," and the long list of articles declared contraband includes "everything intended for warfare on land or on sea; also rice, foodstuffs, horses, beasts of burden, and any other animals intended for war purposes if they are sent at the enemy's cost or order."

According to the common understanding here of this last important qualification, it must be shown that even the foodstuffs and other articles specified are clearly intended for the enemy, meaning the enemy's government, and not the individual citizens, before they can be regarded as contraband and so subject to seizure. An essential fact to be developed in connection with the American food cargoes in transit from the Pacific coast to Japan, therefore, is the identity of the consignee—that is, whether the Japanese government or individuals who do not contemplate allowing them to be applied for war uses.

ASSASSIN'S FATHER HELD.

Finland Aroused Over Innocent Man's Incarceration.

New York, Aug. 4.—General Schumann, father of the assassin of General Bobrikoff, governor general of Finland, who was taken to St. Petersburg July 29, is incarcerated in the dungeons of the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress, according to the Times' Helsinki correspondent.

There is profound indignation in Finland at this cruel treatment of the Finn, whom nobody credits with complicity in his son's deed.

BIG BATTLE IMMINENT.

Kuroki, Oku and Nodzu Have 200,000 Men in Field.

New Chwang, Aug. 4.—The report that Halcheng has fallen is premature. The Russian troops have only been driven back to their inner entrenchments, which they now occupy with over 75,000 men. A detachment of 2000 Japanese with large supply trains is leaving here for Halcheng, where the greatest battle of the war is expected to open tomorrow.

General Kuroki with 100,000 men is now behind the Russian forces, Gen-

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eral Oku with an army of 50,000 men is on their front, while flanking them on the left is General Nodzu with his division of 50,000 men.

If General Kuropatkin is defeated in this battle he must either move westward or surrender.

The foreign military attaches are with the second army en route for the front to witness the battle.

Japanese troopships are expected here tomorrow. The Russian troops at Port Arthur have been driven back to the last line of their defenses. The Japanese attacking force has three hundred and fifty guns in action.

CREDITORS GET LITTLE.

Big Concern That Failed Can Pay but Twenty-four Cents.

San Francisco, Aug. 4.—Porter Bros. Company, the big fruit buying and shipping concern which failed a little over a year ago with liabilities of about \$1,900,000, has made a proposition for a composition of its debts with the creditors.

According to the terms of the composition, the creditors will get 24 cents on the dollar after deducting about \$170,000 realized from the sale of securities and throwing out \$200,000 of unproved claims. There remains an actual debt of \$1,500,000. The committee of creditors has on hand \$300,000 or thereabouts realized from the assets to pay a 20 per cent dividend. Nothing more in sight is seen by the creditors but the members of the firm agree to pay four per cent additional on so-called assets they think they can realize on if the composition is agreed to and the firm is left intact.

The San Francisco and other California creditors who hold about \$700,000 of the indebtedness, favor the terms of the proposed composition, along with all or nearly all of the eastern creditors, so it is likely to be effected.

Can Not Use Union Label.

Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 4.—Judge O. Wheeler of the superior court has granted an injunction restraining C. H. Merritt and son of Danbury from using a label which is alleged to be an infringement upon the United Hatters of North America. The petition was brought in the case of Martin Lawler of Danbury, the United Hatters being an incorporation. The decision is sweeping in its effects, the labor organization being given a standing before the court and every contention upheld. The matter of a contract between the unions and employers is held to be legal. One of the salient features of the decision is the statement that strikes and their concomitants are not as injurious as some of the court decisions; the latter being permanent in their effect while the strike and disorder are ephemeral.

SENATOR HOAR QUITE ILL.

Massachusetts Statesman Afflicted Unexpectedly at Worcester.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 4.—Senator George F. Hoar, who is in his 76th year, has been taken suddenly ill at his home in Oak avenue. His unexpected illness has greatly alarmed the household and his condition is considered serious. The senator's daughter, Miss Mary Hoar, who has been at Pigeon Cove, was summoned home by wire.

At the senator's home, Miss Hoar refused to give out anything concerning her father further than the fact that he was holding his own.

Sortie From Port Arthur.

Tokio, (Thursday) Aug. 4, 10 a. m.—Twelve torpedo destroyers, four torpedo boat destroyers and some gunboats emerged from the harbor at Port Arthur on the night of August 1, but were driven back again by the Japanese warships on guard outside.

Seven Persons Drowned.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 4.—In trying to

reach shore in a small tender from a stranded yacht this evening, seven of the eight persons in the boat were drowned through the capsizing of the little craft.

THE ROOF COLLAPSED.

Many Persons Injured While Watching Unique Performance.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 4.—Forty-five persons have been injured by the collapse of a huge cattle shed at the exhibition grounds while watching a fight between a negro and a bull. The shed overlooks the bull ring where Normeus, the black bull fighter, nightly wrestles with the animal. A crowd of 150 climbed on the shed to watch the show without paying entrance fee. Without a moment's warning the roof broke through and precipitated half the crowd to the floor, a distance of about 25 feet. In its descent the roof turned over and fell on the people, causing more serious injuries than would have otherwise resulted. About 14 were taken to the hospital in ambulances, while several with minor injuries were able to walk away. James Speelman of Seattle, Wash., and a boy named Sopher from Calgary, were fatally hurt. Most of the injuries were fractures of the limbs.

BASEBALL.

Pacific Coast.

At Portland—Tacoma, 1; Portland, 2. At San Francisco—Oakland, 4; San Francisco, 2. At Los Angeles—Seattle, 3; Los Angeles, 1.

Pacific National.

At Butte—Spokane, 4; Butte, 2. At Salt Lake—Boise, 8; Salt Lake, 9.

American.

At Chicago—Washington, 1; Chicago, 10. At Detroit—New York, 6; Detroit, 1. At Cleveland—Boston, 1; Cleveland, 11.

National.

At Brooklyn—Pittsburg, 4; Brooklyn, 1. At Philadelphia—First game, Cincinnati, 1; Philadelphia, 2. Second game, Cincinnati, 3; Philadelphia, 4. At New York—First Game, Chicago, 3; New York, 2. Second game, Chicago, 0; New York, 3. At Boston—First Game, St. Louis, 1; Boston, 2. Second game, St. Louis, 1; Boston, 0.

Loop-the-Loop Performer Hurt.

Tacoma, Aug. 4.—Last night Fravio-la, the young woman who loops the loop in a ball, was dangerously, if not fatally injured. After making the loop the ball shot down the decline at terrific force and missed the net. The girl is paralyzed from the shoulders and suffers great pain.

Senator Clark's Son Married.

San Francisco, Aug. 4.—Charles W. Clark, son of Senator Clark, of Montana, was married today to Miss Cecilia Tobin. The ceremony was private.

CREFFIELD IS HELD.

Portland, Aug. 4.—Edmund Creffield, the erstwhile leader of the now disbanded "holy rollers," was today held to answer a charge of adultery under \$2000 bail.

LOST—Last night, 3 hours after high water, at Blind Channel light beacon, 9/2 ply forty, old and new cork line fishing net. Return to Carl Hagonson, care Kinney Cannery; suitable reward.

NOTICE.

The voting contest for Regatta Queen will close Saturday, the 6th instant, at 9 p. m., instead of Thursday, the 4th instant, as previously announced.

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