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SOUTHAMPTON, April 25.—The liner St. Paul which left here on her regular voyage bound for New York this afternoon in a dense snowstorm rammed and destroyed the British second class cruiser Gladiator off the Isle of Wight. The first reports stated that from 20 to 30 of the Gladiator's crew had been drowned but a later intelligence reduces the number of casualties. The exact extent of the disaster, however, cannot be accurately known until tomorrow. No one on the St. Paul was killed or injured but the bodies of four of the cruiser's crew have been brought ashore and one officer, Lieutenant W. G. Purvis, who attempted to swim ashore is missing. Eight injured have been taken to the military hospital at Golden Hill for treatment. It is believed only a few others are unaccounted for.

BASEBALL SCORES.

At Los Angeles—Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 1.
At San Francisco—Oakland 6, Portland 5.
At Tacoma—Tacoma 2, Vancouver 0.
At Spokane—Spokane 3, Aberdeen 5.
At Seattle—Seattle 6, Butte 3.

FINAL SCORE.

Athletic Contests Ended Last Night.

PORTLAND, April 25.—Representatives of the Seattle Amateur Athletic Club came out with flying colors in the three days' wrestling and boxing tournament for the championships of the Pacific Coast which concluded here tonight.

Of its entries only one failed, William Speck in the 125 pound class at boxing, failed to take the first place. The bouts throughout were interesting and though some of the contestants were unevenly matched, most of the antagonists who faced each other showed practically an equal ability. This was notable especially in the 135 pound wrestling event tonight, which went to V. Venable, of Seattle, over F. A. Brownell, of the Reliance Club of San Francisco. Venable threw his opponent after 11 minutes and 35 seconds of the hardest amateur wrestling ever seen in this city. As it is, his victory is not quite clear of question. After the men had been at it for about eight minutes, Brownell managed to get Venable's shoulders so close to the mat that the spectators who were closest to the wrestlers were confident that Brownell had secured a fall.

Summary of championship finals: Wrestling.

115 pound class—Harvey Donaldson of the Seattle Y. M. C. A., won from Edwin Mills of the Portland Y. M. C. A. Time: 4 minutes.

125 pound class—Edgar Frank, Multnomah A. A. Club, won from J. S. Killeen, Multnomah. Time 3 minutes, 15 seconds.

135 pound class—V. Venable, Seattle A. A. Club, won over S. A. Brownell, Reliance Club, San Francisco. Time: 11 minutes, 35 seconds.

145 pound class—Frank Vance, S. A. A. Club, won from Dr. J. H. Tuttle, Multnomah. Time: 1 minute 25 seconds.

Heavyweight class—H. E. Grim, S.

A. A. Club, won from E. C. Johnson, Multnomah. Time: 22 seconds.

Boxing.

Heavyweight class—Henry Croft, S. A. A. C., knocked out E. C. Johnson, Multnomah, in the second round.

125 pound class—Olmur Dranga, Multnomah, knocked out William Speck, S. A. A. Club, in the third round.

135 pound class—Jean West, Multnomah, and Gus Rosche, unattached, fought four rounds to a draw.

145 pound class—Referee forfeited the match to Chester Brown, S. A. A. Club, on the grounds that C. C. Ralph, unattached, was incompetent.

158 pound class—Fred Saxe, unattached, forfeited the match to Ted Rushton, Multnomah, after the first round. Saxe injured his hand so severely he was unable to continue.

Total championships as follows:—Seattle 7, Multnomah 3, Spokane 1, Olympia 1.

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL

Carries \$1,450,000 for Mouth of Columbia Improvements

THE ESTIMATE WAS \$1,700,000

The Estimates Submitted for the Next Fiscal Year Far Exceed the Estimates for Like Expenditures in Any Previous Year in Our History.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The sundry civil bill reported to the House today \$1,450,000 for the continuing improvements at the mouth of the Columbia river, and \$336,000 for continuing work on the Celilo canal. The estimate for the former was \$1,700,000, and for the latter \$500,000. Other items in the bill are: Vancouver Barracks administration building, \$65,000; two double barracks, \$87,500; one barracks, \$34,500; Crater Lake Park, \$3000; care Alaska insane, \$28,000; Fort Stevens, new barracks, \$91,970.

CONFLICTING STORIES.

Regarding the Death of Duc de Chauines.

PARIS, April 25.—Notwithstanding the official report that the Duc de Chauines died from natural causes, the Paris newspapers print various versions as to the manner and place of his sudden demise. The Petit Journal says the Duke died in a small apartment in a house belonging to his sister, the Duchess d'Uzes on the Rue Van Dyke. He retired Thursday night according to the Petit Journal, and not appearing Friday morning, a servant entered the apartment and found him dead in bed, his features presenting a livid appearance as if decomposition had set in. Beside the body, says the account, were bottles containing cocaine, ether and morphine. From this the newspaper drafts the deduction that death was due to an overdose of drugs affecting a naturally weak heart.

COLLEGE SPORTS.

Hundred Athletes from Prominent Universities Compete.

PHILADELPHIA, April 25.—The feature of the performance of hundreds of athletes. The annual relay and field sports held on Franklin Field today under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania were of the highest order. One world's record, that for pole vault was broken by W. R. Dray, of (Yale) 12 feet 6 1/2 inches. Dray tried to clear 12 feet 10 inches but was too tired. The University of Pennsylvania won the blue ribbon event of the meet which was the one mile relay for the championship of the United States. Her only opponent was Chicago who ran Pennsylvania to a sensational finish.

PRACTICALLY BLOWN AWAY

Five Towns Demolished and 15 Villages More or Less Laid in Ruins

DEATH LIST GROWS HOURLY

Train Lost on the Mobile and Ohio Railway Somewhere Between Citronelli and Moran City Causes Grave Fears for Safety of People.

ATLANTA, April 25.—Up to nine o'clock the total dead as the result of Friday's tornado are, including the four states, 305, injured 1213.

NEW ORLEANS, April 25.—Probably half a thousand lives were lost and a hundred or more persons fatally and many times this number painfully hurt, together with a property loss running into millions of dollars is the record so far of the tornado that originated in the west two days ago sweeping Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Georgia. It has left a path of death, desolation and want in its wake, seriously interrupted all communication and brought about chaotic conditions in many of the smaller towns.

Mississippi, which has already been a sufferer from more than one tornado this year has borne the brunt of the winds and rains. The estimates of the number who lost their lives in that state place the death list at near 300 with a thousand or more injured.

In Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia, death list total: Dead 340, total injured 1213.

Death lists are also large with serious loss of life in Arkansas and Tennessee. Authentic information in many instances is lacking owing to the crippled facilities for communication and lack of time to form anything like an accurate estimate of the damage done in many sections. In half a dozen communities martial law has been declared, so terrible has been the destruction and so helpless the stricken people left by disaster. Serious disasters occurred in some places including Amite, La. Looting and other crimes have been reported but these instances on the whole have been rare. Several places have issued appeals for aid and in Mississippi, Governor Noel has asked for tents for the homeless. Utter misery was found today at Purvis, Miss., by the relief parties. Despite the fact that the little town boasted yesterday of 2500 people and that there were but 900 there today, still there are not sufficient accommodations in the wrecked village for even the wounded. Negro mummies and little black children lay wounded and helpless under the broiling southern sun. Some broken bones, some partly crushed and others have been wounded by sticks and splinters. These unfortunates were lucky if they had a blanket to cover them or a wrecked couch to lie upon. There is no shelter in the town for the walls that remained standing had no roofs and by a strange freak of the tornado many of the trees that had not been uprooted have been snapped off a few feet above the ground. The money loss at Purvis is estimated at a quarter of a million. At Aime, La., half a million and in Washington Parish from one half to a million.

ATLANTA, April 25.—As the result of last night's storm 25 persons are dead in Georgia and at least 100 injured while many others received bruises and scratches from the flying debris in a dozen towns of the state. The largest loss of life is reported at Cave Springs, where nine were killed and many injured.

NEW ORLEANS, April 25.—The dead, more than two hundred, the injured at least 500; these were the firm facts which came to light in the early hours today when a little of the wreckage of yesterday's tor-

nado in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama had been cleared away. The tornado lasted altogether about 12 hours striking promiscuously one town after the other from before daylight on Friday until mid-afternoon. Many hours after they struck, trains bearing nearly 200 injured came crawling cautiously out of the Tornado, leaving behind them one town, Parvis, Miss., utterly demolished, five other practically blown away and 15 little villages in more or less acute stages of ruins. With these wounded came the details of one of the worst wind disasters in the history of the Gulf states. First of all it became known that negroes comprised most of the dead.

The identified white dead early today numbered 42. In addition it was reported that four whites had been killed at McCallum, Miss., which would bring the white dead list up to

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DECORATION NIGHT

Santa Barbara's Flower Festival in Fleet's Honor

WATERFRONT A MAZE OF COLOR

Cities and Villages For Miles Around Are Practically Sending Their Entire Population to Swell the Multitude and Join Floral Festivities.

SANTA BARBARA, April 25.—The fleet arrived here this afternoon and anchored in two long squadron lines off State street. The ships were sighted shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon and came to an anchor a little less than two hours afterwards. Great crowds lined the beaches and the piers butting into the ocean. Mayor Boeseke and Rear Admiral McCalla (retired) went aboard the flagship and extended an official welcome.

SANTA BARBARA, April 25.—Last night might have been called decoration night or transformation night. If anything were needed to announce that the flower festival is at hand and that the United States battleships fleet will arrive in the channel today, the decorations in progress on the boulevard, in the Plaza del Mar and elsewhere would tell the story. The whole waterfront will be a maze of color. Pennants, lanterns and banners are all arranged to make charming picture and setting forth the fiesta.

Great crowds are flocking to the city. Cities and villages for hundreds of miles around are sending practically their entire population; there will be a vast multitude watching the fleet as it comes into the channel at 4 o'clock this afternoon. All the stores will be closed in celebration of the occasion. There will be a still greater crowd at the parade Monday, as that day also will be a general holiday. The first to greet the fleet as it drops anchor, and extend official greeting in the name of the city will be Mayor E. F. Boeseke, and members of the executive committee of the League including the following: Admiral McCalla, U. S. N., retired; Frank T. Underhill, J. R. Fithian, A. E. Petersen, Robert Wagner, G. A. White and Stewart E. White.

For every morning, afternoon and evening during the stay of the fleet there will be entertainments, sports and social functions. Admiral and Mrs. McCalla, Commodore and Mrs. Bull, and Mrs. Frank T. Underhill, are among those who will act as hosts of the admirals and officers of the fleet. The Civic League which has done all the work connected with the festival, has endeavored to provide a good time for all comers, especially the city's guests—the men and officers of the fleet. In all the preparations for the reception, artistic motives predominate.

The chief features will be a parade and floral bombardment on Monday and the dance of the flowers on

WILL VOTE ON MONDAY

Another Day Spent on Navy Appropriation Bill—Hale Gets Agreement for a Vote

NO HOPE FOR FOUR SHIPS

Senators Beveridge and Piles Sharply Criticized For Their Statements Yesterday by Aldrich, Perkins and McCumber.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Another day was spent by the senate in considering an amendment to the naval appropriation bill but a vote was not reached at the close of the discussion which was participated in by a dozen Senators. Hale secured an agreement for a vote before the adjournment of the Senate on Monday. A canvass of the State made during the day indicated that the four-ship program will be defeated and that the Senate has changed several votes. Much of the discussion today was devoted to the improbability of a war being forced upon the United States. Senators Beveridge and Piles were sharply criticised by Aldrich, Perkins and McCumber for their statements of yesterday and several heated colloquies occurred. Beveridge will reply to them on Monday. At the conclusion of the debate, a number of minor bills were passed and the Senate adjourned until Monday.

Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The parade promises to be not only much larger than any of previous years but also more beautiful. No commercial floats will be admitted and the participants have been requested to avoid the grotesque. Only the beauty of the decorations will be considered in the awarding of prizes and the judges will be artists and connoisseurs of recognized ability.

As the parade doubles on its counter marches on the boulevard by the ocean, there will be a bombardment of flowers. The gardens of the entire coast for miles on both sides of Santa Barbara have been stripped to provide ammunition, and after the battle the line of march will be buried in blossoms. In the dance of the flowers, a large number of the most beautiful women in Santa Barbara society will take part, and in the costumes, the scenic effect, and in the grace and beauty of the figures, it is expected to be a spectacle that will be one of those longest remembered by the men of the navy.

STOCK MARKET STRONGER.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Improvement of the investment conditions was the principal factor in the broadening and strengthening of the week's speculation in Stocks. The successful sale of the \$40,000,000 Pennsylvania 4 per cent 40 year bond issue was the dominating influence of the market. The large subscriptions for this and the placing of half the issue with influential foreign banking houses led to far-reaching inferences of re-establishment of railroad credit. Received confidence of investors at home and abroad and the stimulating effect on commerce and industry to be looked for as a consequence, unfavorable trade advices, notably from the iron and steel trade and continued shrinking in railroad earnings were ignored.

FORGED TELEGRAM.

Wire Sent Senator Cassidy to Stand by Governor Was Tampered With.

ELMIRA, N. Y., April 25.—An announcement made here that the vote of Senator Cassidy against the race-track bill was due to a telegram from Congressman Fassett at Washington which had been tampered with,

has caused a sensation. Congressman Fassett is here to attend tomorrow's congressional convention, said last night that the story was true. The day the race day bills came up in the Senate, Congressman Fassett and Dwight united in a telegram to Senator Cassidy, which it is said, when filed, urged him to stand by the governor. The telegram when it reached Cassidy read: "Not to stand." An investigation was started and it is said it was found that the telegram had been changed in Washington. Mr. Fassett said he had a letter from the manager of the telegraph office in that city admitting the forgery, and stating the operator had been discharged.

COLLEGE BOAT RACE.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—The University of California eight won from the Stanford crew on the Sausalito Bay course of 2 1/2 miles today by two and half lengths. Time, 13 minutes 18 seconds.

MANIFESTLY UNFAIR

National Guardsmen Denounce Arguments Against Armory Bill

ABUSIVE, BUT NOT LOGICAL

The Writer of the Argument Must Never Have Known That National Guard Fought Spanish-American War—Military Mainstay of Country

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25.—

"Manifestly unfair; abusive, but not logical or a statement of real facts."

That is the estimate placed by prominent National Guardsmen on the argument against the Armory bill as advanced by the Oregon Grange in the publication lately issued by the state dealing with legislative measures to come up for vote under the Initiative and referendum at the June election.

In fact the argument against the bill is not conspicuous for its logic. The Grange, in the beginning, says it is not opposed to the National Guard and then goes on to say that the Guard has been chiefly useful in riots and labor troubles and that the construction of armories would constitute a species of graft.

The writer of the argument must never have known that the National Guard fought the Spanish-American war, the Oregon Guardsmen as volunteers in the Philippines, bringing unending glory to this state, and that the National Guard is now the only military force upon which the United States could depend in case of invasion or other emergency. There is only a handful of the regular army, it requires a year to train volunteers so the Guard, 110,000 strong, is the military mainstay of the country.

As to the hints at graft, and there is nothing more than slender, unfounded hints, no department of the state government has been so free from charges of that kind as has been the Oregon National Guard under the administration of Adjutant General W. E. Finzer, who has practiced the most rapid economy possible.

It is hinted by the Grange that should the appropriation be allowed for armories, other communities which succeed in the future in becoming the station of new companies would be asking for armories. That would be nothing out of the way. Certainly the people of say, Klamath Falls, Grant's pass, Astoria or other possible stations would not be grafter if they asked the state to provide an armory for military company which was giving its service gratis and which stood ready to respond to the call to arms at a minute's notice.