

TRIED TO BLOW UP STEAMER "ALBANY"

Infernal Machine Placed Aboard the River Vessel as She Lay Off Oak Street Refused to Work.

Captain J. P. Whitcomb Attributes the Crime to Animosity of Chinese Cooks Who Were Refused Employment on the "Albany."

An attempt was made to blow up the valuable river steamer Albany with high explosives as she lay at her moorings in the river in this city last night.

Bad judgment in selecting the fuse arranged to ignite the heavy charge of giant-powder and nitroglycerin was all that saved the boat and frustrated the plans of the conspirators.

Capt. J. P. Whitcomb of the Albany discovered the infernal machine at 7:30 o'clock this morning, and at once sent word to the police department of his find.

As soon as the news of the discovery was received at the police headquarters, Detectives Kerrigan and Snow were sent to the Oak-street dock, where the Albany is moored.

The captain is of the opinion that the machine was placed on his boat by disgruntled Chinese who are angry because

no Chinese laborers are employed on the boat. The sack in which the powder was placed was wrapped up in a Chinese napkin, and a clean white sock, the sort used by nearly all the Chinese in Portland, was in the package.

"I have had no serious trouble with the Chinese," said Captain Whitcomb, "but have refused any number of them positions on my boat. I have noticed that recently several Chinese came down to the dock and would chatter to themselves in low tones. They would look at the boat and then at me, all the while keeping up their jabberings. I know that many of them are angry because I will not have yellow labor on the boat."

It is a well-known fact among river men that the Chinese are very sore because so many of the towing-boats carry white cooks. Nearly all of the river steamers that tow logs carry women cooks. The Chinese do not like this new order of things at all, and they may have wanted to blow up the Albany for spitework.

Captain Whitcomb said that he had not been in trouble with deckhands or firemen. He is popular among the river boatmen, and the officers are at a loss to know the reason for the attempt to blow up the vessel. Several Chinese may be given an opportunity to relate what they know regarding the river steamer.

The steamer Albany was built at Portland in 1895, and for several years was operated between this city and Albany, carrying passengers and freight. About a month ago she was finally taken off the run. About two years ago she was purchased by the Western Transportation and Towing company, of which Charles H. Leadbetter is general manager and one of the principal owners.

The vessel is of 481 gross registered tons, and her dimensions are as follows: Length, 156.7 feet; breadth, 32 feet, and depth of hold, 4.5 feet. She carried a crew of 15.



BURNING OF ADAMS EXPRESS BUILDING IN NEW YORK. THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST PICTURESQUE AND EXCITING FIRES EVER SEEN IN NEW YORK. THE PICTURE IS FROM A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE FIRE LOOKING UP BROADWAY AND THE SCENE OF THE THRILLING RESCUE OF NINE MEN WHO SLID DOWN A ROPE FROM THE TOP FLOOR OF THE BUILDING.

MASSACRE REPORTED

Anti-Semite Mob in a Bulgarian City Kill and Wound Hebrews.

Berlin, April 5.—The Jewish population of this capital is greatly excited today over the contents of several dispatches received by prominent Hebrews here to the effect that anti-Semite riots occurred Sunday and yesterday at Loempalanka, Bulgaria.

It is stated that a bloodthirsty mob stormed the ghetto, and after killing six and severely wounding 18 Jews it invaded other parts of the city, displaying the dead bodies of its victims for the purpose of inciting greater disturbance.

The rabble was successful, as from every nook and corner came hatters of the Jews, thus augmenting the number of rioters.

All Sunday night, it is stated, a crowd of more than 500 angry men terrorized that part of the city inhabited by Jews, but officials were successful in protecting the unfortunate people.

The dispatches say that the rioting broke out afresh yesterday, when two Jews were killed and three wounded. It is believed that police officers have the outbreak quelled, and little, if any, further disturbance will occur.

Many Hebrew houses at Saue were also plundered. The mob's excuse is the same old story that ritual murders had been committed by the Jews for the Passover sacrifice.

MUST HANG FOR THE MURDER OF A GIRL

Olympia, Wash., April 5.—George Clark must suffer the penalty of death for the murder of Lella Page, which crime occurred in this city January 20, 1903. The supreme court late yesterday affirmed the findings of the trial court, which were for murder in the first degree.

George Clark is a young man and lived with his widowed mother. He was wayward and spent much of his time in company with gamblers and low company.

Lella Page, a young girl of the half-world, and Clark were much together, and the latter grew very jealous of the woman. He went to her room on the night of the murder, and while she was asleep struck her a fearful blow on the head with an ax. He then snatched her throat with a penknife. Before he left the room he cut his own throat with the small knife, but was unsuccessful in meeting death.

The murdered woman recovered and a long trial followed, which resulted in conviction of murder in the first degree.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE RECEIVES A BLOW

Des Moines, Iowa, April 5.—Woman suffrage received a death blow in the legislature, when it failed to gain the constitutional majority of the house this morning.

CANADIAN OPERATORS STRIKE

Toronto, O., April 5.—Operators of the Great Northwestern Telegraph company struck today, pending the reinstatement of five men discharged because they are members of the telegraphers' union.

GRAND JURY HITS GAMBLERS HARD

On Mayor's Plea Indictments Against Owners of Disreputable Houses Are Not Returned—Change in Poor Farm Recommended.

Fourteen indictments were returned against proprietors of gambling houses in Washington, April 5.—Owing to the discovery of the temper of the house in reference to the Lewis and Clark appropriation bill, which yesterday just fell short of securing a two-thirds vote in its favor, Congressman Tawney felt justified today in making a further move in the direction of making it a privileged bill.

FAIR BILL IS UP TO RULES COMMITTEE

A resolution to this effect was introduced by him and was referred to the committee on rules. If that committee makes a favorable report on the resolution the bill may be called up at any time and its passage not only expedited, but insured.

The best opinion is that the committee will favorably report the resolution, thus relieving the anxiety which has naturally been felt with reference to the measure.

VIRGINIA IS MURDERERS LAUNCHED AT HEART

Mammoth New Battleship Takes the Water at Newport News.

Dastardly Attempt of Fifty Convicts to Break From Prison.

VISITOR MEETS DEATH

Only Accident to Mar Ceremonies—New Fighter Will Be Pride of the Navy—Has Heavy Armament.

FOILED BY AN ACCIDENT

After Battle With Guards—Ring-leaders of Revolt Are Overcome—Would Blow Up Missouri Penitentiary.

Newport News, Va., April 5.—Fifty thousand spectators at 10 o'clock this afternoon watched the big 10,000-ton battleship Virginia slide gracefully down the ways at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding company.

But one accident marred the ceremony. That was the death of Charles Calhoun, a Richmond visitor, who slipped and fell into the drydock and was instantly killed.

Owing to the easy access to all residents of the state honored by the navy department when the Virginia was named, there was the largest attendance ever seen at a launching here. In the forenoon there was a large parade of state militia, sailors and various patriotic societies.

The ship was christened by Miss Matilda Gay Montague, daughter of Governor Montague of Virginia. Miss Montague, who is only 13 years old, was accompanied from Richmond by a large and distinguished party, including state officials, the governor's staff and numerous influential business and professional men.

With the first movement of the huge hull Miss Montague broke the gaily-beribboned champagne bottle, and as the wine flowed down toward the ways in foaming rivulets, said: "I christen thee Virginia."

Pandemonium had broken loose in the crowd below as well as upon the christening-stand. Greeted with a welcoming blast from the shrill throats of a score or more of steam whistles, the battleship floated majestically out upon the bosom of the James, where she was brought to in midstream.

After the launching the crowd dispersed, viewing with interest the cruiser or Charleston, which was launched some time ago; the Minnesota, whose keel was laid two months ago; the West Virginia, which is

Jefferson City, Mo., April 5.—A desperate attempt was made by 50 convicts of the Missouri state penitentiary this morning to blow up that institution, kill all guards who might interfere and liberate 300 convicts. The plot only failed through accident and the bravery of the guards who took desperate chances and frustrated the break.

At 10 o'clock this morning Thomas Williams, a guard, in turning a corner of the corridor heard a command to throw up his hands. Williams sprang back and was shot at. The detonation caused a general alarm. Williams fled down the corridor where he was met by seven other guards, who, alarmed by the noise, had seized arms from the guard-room and were running toward the cell rooms.

Williams and Guard Bruner led the charge but on arrival at the cell-room door were ordered to throw up their hands. The convict who had first halted Williams jumped back into his cell and from his refuge opened fire with a pistol.

Murderous Convicts. Bruner ran around to the rear, escaping injury, and got the drop on the murderous convict. The latter was then disarmed and locked into another cell. The other convicts who, during this time had been raising a turmoil, were overpowered and quieted as additional guards appeared upon the scene.

A search of the cell in which the leader had been incarcerated disclosed 30 pounds of dynamite, a bottle of nitroglycerin, two modern revolvers, a cigar-box filled with cartridges and a number of skeleton keys, which were evidently intended to be used in liberating other prisoners from cells.

The cell from which escape had been made had been broken by the destruction of the inner plate on the lock. This had been bored through and a skeleton key fitted from the inside which readily turned the mechanism.

Planned to Kill Guards. On examination of the prisoners it was learned that the plan had been to kill the guards as rapidly as they entered the cell-room, liberate all prisoners in the building, blow a hole through the walls with dynamite and escape. This would have been comparatively easy, as

RUSSIA MAY BLOW UP PORT ARTHUR

Ship Loaded with High Explosives Threatens Destruction—Japanese Troops Arrive at the Yalu River—English Aroused.

Irkutsk, April 5.—A local newspaper says today that Port Arthur is imperiled by the proximity of a Russian volunteer ship loaded with 250 torpedoes, each containing 240 pounds of that terrible explosive, pyroxaline.

The ship is anchored behind Electric hill and the Japanese have been informed of the vessel's situation, and the officers of the Japanese vessels have been instructed to aim shells in that direction.

JAPANESE REACH THE YALU.

Surprised to Find Few Russian Soldiers There.

Tokio, April 5.—Confirmation of the report that the Japanese have reached the Yalu river, has been received here. In connection with the news it is given out as authentic that as the Japanese forces approached the river they expected to find a host of Russian troops in the vicinity, but were surprised to observe only small outpost parties.

ENGLISH WORKMEN EXPELLED.

Russians at Fort Arthur Discharge Ship Repairers.

Port Arthur, April 5.—All English workmen who have been employed repairing Russian battleships here have been discharged and expelled from the city.

Aside from this there is no new feature in conditions at Port Arthur except that the Grand Duke Boris has joined the field.

JAPANESE HERO BURIED.

Guard of Honor March in Bloodstained Uniforms.

Tokio, April 5.—With the greatest solemnity the remains of Commander Hiro Setakeo, the officer who lost his life in the sixth bombardment of Port Arthur March 25, while heroically attempting to save the life of a sailor, were escorted through the streets today.

HORSES STARVE TO DEATH.

Big Battle May Be Delayed Owing to Poor Condition of Artillery.

It is reported that many animals have died and others are afflicted with an unknown disease which so seriously affects upon them that they are unable to eat and practically starve to death.

MILITARY SITUATION QUIET.

Vladivostok, April 5.—The military situation here is quiet, with an absence of the near presence of the enemy. Prices of provisions are very low. Reports of a sea battle are circulating in the city.



Mrs. John Flagler, Wife of the Standard Oil Millionaire, Sang the Sabbath Mater in the Church of the Ascension, New York, on Palm Sunday. It Was While Singing as a Member of a Church Choir That Mrs. Flagler's Beautiful Voice Captivated the Heart of the Multi-millionaire and made Her the Mistress of \$50,000,000.