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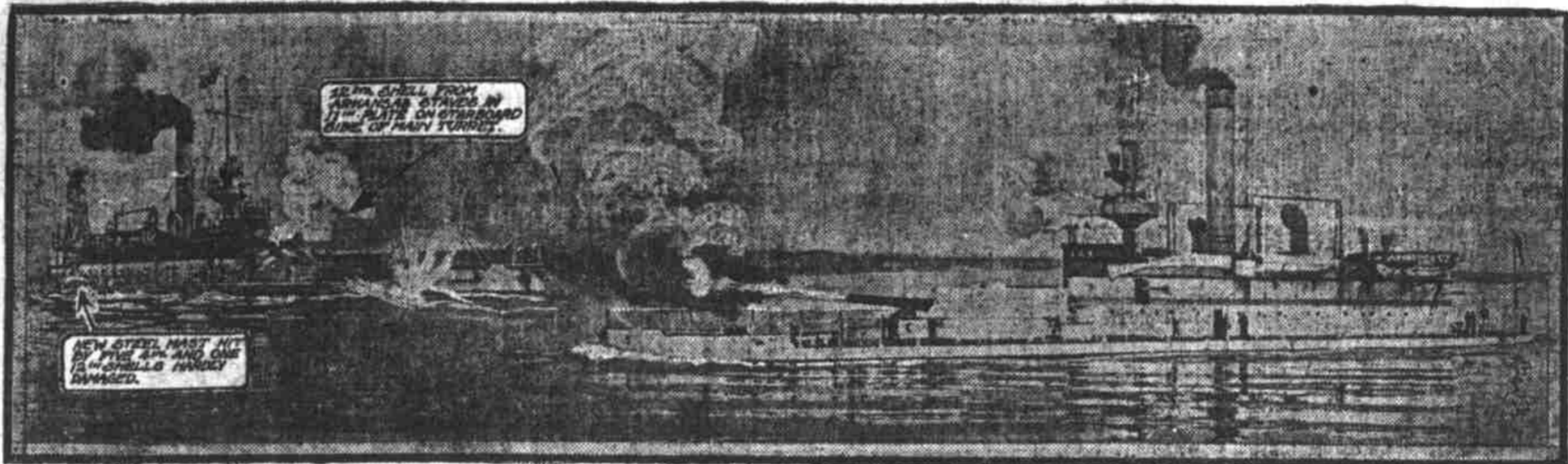
HITCHCOCK'S ABSENCE STARTS REPORT THAT HE HAS BEEN SUPPLANTED BY ARTHUR VORYS

DEMOCRATS TO SELECT CONVENTION DELEGATES

Senator Miller and R. D. Inman Will Probably Represent State at Large—Sweek and Ryan Expected to Be Retained as Chairman and Secretary.

Oregon Democrats will hold their state convention in Portland tomorrow morning, commencing at 10 o'clock. Tonight at the Imperial hotel the state central committee will meet and organize and make ready to assume charge of the party work in the state for the next two years.

FIRING ON MONITOR FLORIDA WHICH WILL SOON BE SUBJECTED TO ANOTHER TEST WITH TORPEDO



The government intends to try a torpedo on the monitor Florida. The vessel withstood the 12-inch shells of the Arkansas. On June 13 a torpedo will be shot at the craft which has been strengthened for the occasion. This picture shows the Florida under fire of the Arkansas.

PATHFINDERS ON WAY TO HAWAII

Battleships Maine and Alabama Leave Frisco to Try Course for Fleet.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, June 8.—The battleships Maine and Alabama weighed anchor in the bay shortly after 7 o'clock this morning and passed out through the Golden Gate on their way to Hawaii. They are the "pathfinders" of the Atlantic fleet and are going ahead to try the main stretches of the long cruise.

DECISION IN STARR'S FAVOR

Long Drawn Suit Involving Several Fine Legal Points Settled by Judge Wolverton—Fourteen Years in Federal Court—Josshouse on Property.

A decision in which the property on which the Chinese josshouse in Portland is located, valuable other city lots, a small fortune and nine attorneys have been involved for the last 14 years, was handed down by Judge Wolverton in the United States court this morning.

FEDERAL AGENTS CHARGE BRIBERY

Grafting in Pittsburg Post-office Site Selection by Treasury Officials.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pittsburg, Pa., June 8.—Government agents are investigating startling allegations contained in an answer to a civil suit filed here, in which members of the treasury department are alleged to have taken a bribe for putting through a deal by which Uncle Sam paid \$2,000 a front foot for a postoffice site when property on either side of the lot is selling at \$400 a front foot.

SAMOAN MAIDEN NOW A MORMON

Will Study Doctrines in Utah, Then Return to Islands as Missionary.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, June 8.—Great interest is taken here in Alice Alpaia, a Samoan girl aged 19, who was brought to this country on the freight steamer Aeon from Samoa, by three Mormon missionaries who declare that she will accept the doctrines of Mormonism in Salt Lake city and then return to her people and convert them to the faith of the church of Jesus Christ Later Day Saints.

RUSH UMATILLA PROJECT

Secretary Garfield Will Come to Oregon to Inspect Irrigation Work After Investigating Territorial Land Disputes in the Hawaiian Islands.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, June 8.—That work on the Umatilla reclamation project in Oregon, one unit of which is already completed, is progressing satisfactorily and will be rushed to completion as soon as possible is the statement made to the United Press by Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield before he sailed this morning on the battleship Maine for Honolulu.

SEVENTH VICTIM OF EXPLOSION

Body of F. S. Maxfield of Cruiser Tennessee Buried at San Pedro Today.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, June 8.—At 10 o'clock this morning one more body of the victims of the boiler tube explosion on board the United States cruiser Tennessee, F. S. Maxfield, who died at Harbor View cemetery, at San Pedro, was buried. The body was interred in the same grave as the other victims of the explosion.

BURGLAR ESCAPES BY FEIGNING INSANITY; GOES IN AUTOMOBILE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, June 8.—With the assistance of two unknown confederates, O. T. Adamson, who was charged with burglary and who feigned insanity, escaped from the county hospital in an automobile at 2 o'clock this morning. As the men passed down the corridors, Deputy Sheriff Hutchinson, who was in charge of the insane ward, awakened and saw them jump into the automobile. He fired several shots at them, but none took effect.

DISCOVER PLOT TO ASSASSINATE BOY KING OF PORTUGAL

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lisbon, June 8.—Consternation and fear prevails at the palace, following the discovery of a plot today to blow up the young king, Emanuel, whose father and brother recently were assassinated. Three of the conspirators have been placed in jail and the authorities have heard threats that efforts will be made to liberate them.

TERRIFIC SHOWER OF MONSTER HAILSTONES DEVASTATES TOKIO

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tokio, June 8.—A terrific hail storm swept over this city today, beating everything before it and leaving a wide path of devastation. The hail stones, some of them measuring two and a half inches in diameter, fell like a shower of bullets.

SWIMMING BATHS TO BE CARED FOR THIS SEASON BY ISENSEE

The Portland public baths at the foot of Market street will be thrown open in a few days, arrangements having finally been made to have them properly looked after for the season.

ALL CHARGES AGAINST GEO. H. HILL IN TITLE CASE ARE WIPED OUT

The cloud of indictment that has rested over George H. Hill since last November, when he was jointly indicted with J. Thorburn Ross, T. Burkhardt and John E. Aitchison for mismanagement of the affairs of the Title Guarantee & Trust company, was lifted this morning, when Deputy District Attorney Bert Haney appeared before presiding Judge Gantenbein and secured a dismissal of all four informations pending against him.

NEW ROAD BUILDING BUILDS UP ROSALIA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Rosalia, Wash., June 8.—The Spokane Inland Electric railroad has plans and specifications for a fine new depot at this place. The building will be of brick and will cost perhaps \$100,000. Work will begin at once. The new building will be a bungalow in appearance.

GIRL TO PRACTICE IN SUPREME COURT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, June 8.—The whole Beggs family has been admitted to practice before the United States supreme court. They are from New York city. The Beggs comprise Miss Helen, Alexander and Roderick.

HITCHCOCK SURRENDERS TO ALLIES

Taft's Manager Leaves Seat in Committee, Refusing Portland Man's Offer of Proxy—New Hope for Anti-Taft Forces.

Congressman McKinley at Chicago to Aid in Fight Against Recognition of Delegates Instructed to Vote for Secretary.

New York, June 8.—It was learned here today that 18 of the foremost Republicans of the country are preparing a memorial to the resolutions committee of the Republican national convention requesting that the committee include in the platform a strong and absolute declaration against the infringement of what they term the constitutional prerogative of the courts. The signers include Nicholas Murray Butler, Cornelius E. Bliss, Joseph H. Choate, John W. Griggs and Albert K. Smiley.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, June 8.—The arrival of Arthur I. Vorys of Ohio, the original Taft manager, coupled with the absence of Hitchcock from the national committee today gave rise to the report that Hitchcock had been supplanted as chief director in the fight here.

This report was given some strength by the fact that Vorys established headquarters in the Auditorium Annex entirely separate from the Hitchcock headquarters.

Chicago, June 8.—New hope was given the allies today in their battle against the Taft-Roosevelt power in the Republican national committee by the arrival of Congressman McKinley, manager of the Cannon boom.

Senator Hemenway of Indiana and Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts, who have been at the head of the allies, sent a hurried call for McKinley and he came promptly to the scene of battle.

The contests before the national committee will be continued in accordance with a statement given out by the allies last night after they had given up the plan to save their powder until they could appear before the credentials committee of the convention. That was looked upon in many quarters as a sign of defeat, but today the fight seemed to be on with all its original vigor.

BLACK HAND GANG AMBUSHED; POSSE HUNTING OUTLAWS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pittsfield, Mass., June 8.—Posse men are today scouring the woods near the country estate of William Pollock, a New York millionaire, near here for members of the Black Hand society, who had threatened to kill him if he did not submit to blackmail. Yesterday Pollock and several employees planned an ambush, and a thrilling fight with rifles took place. It is not known whether any of the Black Hand band were wounded. Armed guards are today patrolling the estate to prevent the carrying out of threats to dynamite the residence.

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