

DEATH TO GUNROOM CREW OF UNITED STATES WARSHIP

GUN EXPLODES ON CRUISER CHARLESTON, EIGHT DEAD

VESSEL WAS AT TARGET PRACTICE NEAR OLONGAPO

Premature Discharge of Cannon Causes Disaster to Crew of Vessel of the Asiatic Squadron.

Washington, March 28.—Eight men were killed by an explosion on the protected cruiser Charleston at Olongapo yesterday, according to a dispatch received today at the navy department.

The vessel was at target practice when the accident occurred. A breech plug on a three inch gun blew out, killing the greater number of the gun crew.

The dead: PHILIP JOHN M'KEE, master at arms. WALTER AMSTEDT, seaman. HENRY A. HEATER, seaman. LEO RENMELE, seaman. HARRY REAVES GRADEN, seaman. RALPH BERKMAN, ordinary seaman. MAXIE BARNARD, ordinary seaman.

EDWARD ALBERT MOLIN, private United States marine corps. The men were buried at Cavite. The report of the accident was made to the department by Admiral Hubbard, commanding the Asiatic fleet.

An official court of inquiry has been ordered to investigate the circumstances of the accident.

Hubbard expressed the belief that the explosion was the result of the premature discharge of the gun. After taking the dead to Cavite, the Charleston returned to target practice.

IF SCHOOL SOCIETIES ARE ABOLISHED GIRLS WILL LEAVE SCHOOLS

San Francisco, March 28.—Should the investigation into high school secret societies which began today result in their abolition, a number of the sorority girls of the high school have announced that they will quit school rather than resign from their societies. The attack on the secret societies in the school is being led by Dr. A. W. Scott, the principal of the institution, and the investigation is being made by Mrs. Mary Kincaid. Indications are that the state law is clear on the subject and it prohibits pupils from being members of any such organization while attending the public schools.

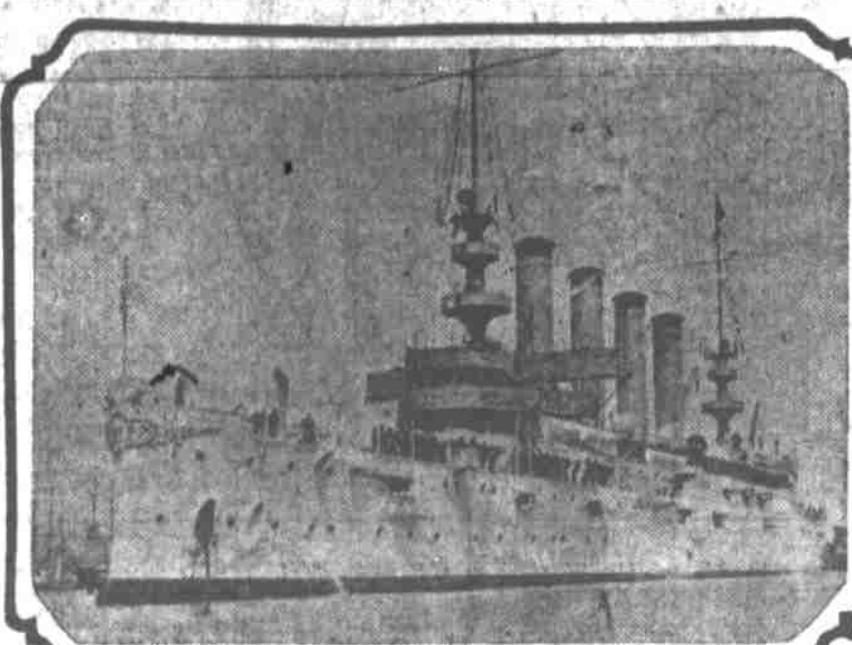
CUTS OFF WIFE'S EAR WITH RAZOR

Wife Having Just Secured Pellinski's Release From Jail; This His Thanks.

Chicago, March 28.—Because he slaphed his wife's right ear from her head with a razor and almost amputated the other, Frank Pellinski is in jail at Evanston, awaiting the filing of charges against him. Mrs. Pellinski is being treated at an Evanston hospital. Pellinski's deed followed his release from jail, to secure which his wife had labored over a washbasin until she saved \$50, the amount of which he had in default of which he had been incarcerated.

SENATE PASSES JONES' BOUNDARY RESOLUTION

Washington, March 28.—The joint resolution introduced by Senator Jones of Washington providing that Governors Benson and Hay be authorized to name commissioners to settle permanently the boundary between Oregon and Washington where the Columbia river separates the states, was adopted by the senate today.



The cruiser Charleston.

HAS INSOMNIA; DROWNS HIMSELF

Wealthy San Francisco Man Writes Note on Shirt Front and Leaps Into Lake.

San Francisco, March 28.—The mysterious drowning of John Dempsey, a wealthy retired business man, in a lake at Golden Gate park yesterday, which many thought was an accident, was explained today when Dr. Craig, at St. Mary's hospital, found a note written by Dempsey on the inside of a white shirt bosom. The note read: "May the good Lord bless the best of brothers. Forgive me my weakness for giving way. Forgive me."

WOULD CHANGE CARRIER LAW

If Passed Townsend Railroad Bill Will Give Spokane "Short Haul" Rates.

Washington Bureau of The Journal.—Washington, March 28.—Congressman Townsend conferred with President Taft this morning concerning the calling of the Republican caucus of the house on the Townsend railroad bill. The bill, it is expected, will be so amended by the house committee as to change the present law and prohibit any carrier from charging more for the short haul than for the longer haul, eliminating any exception from the proposed new rule. This would give Spokane as low rates from the east as those to Portland, Seattle and Tacoma.

Boy in Explosion Succumbs. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) La Grande, Or., March 28.—Pearle Rollins, the boy blown up by dynamite at Radium Springs recently and brought to La Grande for treatment, is dead. He was badly mutilated.

MAYBRAY VICTIM TELLS HOW MAYBRAY GANG GOT \$40,000 OF HIS EASY MONEY

Kansas City, March 28.—Thomas W. Ballew, lumberman and millionaire banker of Princeton, Mo., who was victimized by the Maybray gang of fixed race swindlers, told of his experiences today. Ballew lost \$30,000 and his faith in human nature. In all he is out nearly \$40,000 on account of the gang. He said: "I was an easy mark, all right, but I was not as easy as it looks at first glance. I simply loaned my money to help out a man whom I had befriended before. I had known Dobbins for a number of years and held a note of his for \$450. He did not ask me to bet on the race, but he just offered to let me go with the race, which was to be an

EQUAL SUFFRAGE SCHOOL IS LATEST

Mrs. Mary A. English, Leading Suffragist, Makes Such Announcement.

Los Angeles, March 28.—With the object of preparing propagandists of equal suffrage, a suffragist school is to be established in Los Angeles, according to the statement of Mrs. Mary A. English, Mrs. English, who is a graduate of the University of California, and instructor in science at the Los Angeles normal school, is president of the Los Angeles College Equal Suffrage League. Under the supervision of a committee of suffragists, a bibliography of suffragist literature is being indexed and courses of study outlined. The general course is to be divided into the following five branches of instruction: History of the suffrage movement; economics of suffrage from woman's standpoint; evolution of the legal status of woman; biology of suffrage as affecting women; professions as social and industrial factors.

250 KILLED IN BURNING HOUSE

Dancers at Village Inn at Matzezaka, Austria, Become Panic Stricken.

Matzezaka, Austria, March 28.—Two hundred and fifty people were killed in a fire which destroyed the village inn at Cakkerite while a dance was in progress there, according to advices received here today. The building was built of wood, and the fire spread with great rapidity. A panic occurred and the dancers jammed the doorways, cutting off escape.

CHAMBERLAIN WILL UPHOLD CONSERVATION

Washington Bureau of The Journal.—Washington, March 28.—Senator Chamberlain will address the senate tomorrow on conservation, speaking on the bill for the withdrawal of lands from the public domain.

HOT TIME IN OLD TOWN FOR JOURNAL CARRIERS TONIGHT

Two hundred Journal carriers are planning to have a big time tonight, when they go to the Star theatre as the guests of the management. They expect to eat their fill of popcorn, peanuts and candy and to lead in the applause which is always due the leading lady. They are going to look at the moving pictures and have all the fun there is to have. At 8:30 o'clock the boys will form in front of The Journal office and march to the theatre, a special invitation having been extended to them by the management.

MAYOR SUGGESTS RAILROAD BUILD LOWER DECK FIRST

Says Upper Part of Proposed Steel Bridge to Be Used by O. R. & N. Could Be Constructed Last.

OFFERS IDEA AS SOLUTION OF THE PRESENT FIGHT

Holds Charter Does Not Compel Erection of Whole Structure at Same Time.

"I think I have a solution of the differences between the city and the O. R. & N. company that will satisfy everybody," said Mayor Simon this morning, "and I will offer my suggestion to General Manager O'Brien of the railroad company this afternoon, when the special council committee meets with him. "I will propose to the company officials that it go ahead with the construction of that part of the proposed steel bridge which will be used exclusively for railway purposes. The construction of the upper deck may be left, then, until the matter of the street vacations needed for it has been adjusted. "As I understand it, the charter under which the railway company is authorized to build the bridge, does not compel it to erect the overhead deck at the same time the lower portion is being put together. "If my view is correct, the company could build the lower deck, and if, as

VESUVIUS CRATER OPENS WITH ROAR; NO FLOW OF LAVA

Activity May Be Caused by Subsidence of Mount Etna; People Near Vesuvius Prepare to Flee.

Catania, March 28.—Ruin is being wrought today by a great outpouring of volcanic rocks, ashes and lava in the central crater of Mount Etna. The village of San Leo is in the path of the moving mass of molten lava. The inhabitants for the most part have deserted the village, and those who remain will be driven out by the soldiers. Army engineers are endeavoring to change the direction of the flow, but the violence of the eruption makes their work perilous. Showers of ash and red hot stones are falling on San Leo and upon the mountainsides. The eruption was accompanied by an explosion that made the ground tremble for miles and caused the people to rush into the streets, believing an earthquake had occurred.

Catania, March 28.—After 24 hours of inactivity, a violent eruption occurred at Mount Etna late this afternoon. Lava is flowing through the village of San Leo. The villagers have fled. It is feared the village will be destroyed.

Naples, March 28.—Five fissures near the central crater of Mount Vesuvius opened today with a terrific roar. A great volume of smoke poured from the rents in the mountain, but the first eruption was not accompanied by lava flow.

Scientists here believe the activity of Vesuvius is caused by the subsidence of Mount Etna in Sicily. They are uncertain, however, whether Etna is at rest. Many believe that ashes and rock have clogged the craters, and that possibly a great eruption will occur when the volcano throws off the obstacle. Rumbling accompanied the outbreak of Vesuvius, and inhabitants of towns near the mountain are preparing to flee.

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ALBERT WOLTER FACES HEINOUS MURDER CHARGE

Thin-Blooded New York Youth Suspected of Assault, Murder, Attempted Cremation, and Horrid Mutilation.

RUTH WHEELER, 16, SLAIN IN HIS ROOM

Bungling Effort Made to Conceal Crime by Burning the Body in Fireplace.

New York, March 28.—Albert Wolter today faced the police and stolidly reiterated his denial that he knew anything of the death of Ruth Wheeler, portions of whose body, charred and cut in pieces, were found in the grate in Wolter's apartments. In spite of the flood of questions, and the police third degree methods Wolter maintained his innocence. The coroner completed his investigation in the gruesome case, and by his order Wolter is held over to the grand jury without bail.

New York, March 28.—Albert Wolter, a white-faced, anaemic youth, accused of attacking, strangling to death and burning Ruth Wheeler, a stenographer, today denied all knowledge of the crime. The police, however, are endeavoring to weave a net of circumstantial evidence about him.

The murder of Miss Wheeler was one of the most revolting in New York's criminal annals. The girl had been forced by her murderer to the room occupied by Wolter, under pretext of employment. She was attacked and strangled to death. The murderer then sought to remove all traces of the crime by burning the body, and that he burned the body, and that he placed it in his fireplace, he broke the bones of the arms and legs. The body then was thrust upright into the fire, the clothing saturated with kerosene and a match applied.

The attempted incineration failed. The murderer then dismembered the charred corpse. He sewed the trunk and head in a sack and placed it outside the room. He endeavored to cremate the limbs.

The police have established that the suspected man occupied the room in which the murder was done, that he owned the sack in which it was found and that he advertised for a stenographer.

The police are endeavoring to prove that Wolter is guilty of a number of revolting crimes, that he headed a "white slave" gang, and that he kept a record of young girls. Katchen Mueller, who posed as Wolter's wife, is being held by the police as a witness. She declares that she has already told them many damaging things concerning the accused man. She gave the police a list of names of girls, and the police are endeavoring to ascertain the addresses of the girls of whom Wolter is alleged to have kept a record.

Coroner Haultauser today held Wolter without bail on a charge of murder, to answer to the grand jury.

Katchen Mueller made a statement to the police today. "About midnight Thursday," she said, "I was awakened by a crash in the front room. I called out, 'Who is there?' "Albert answered, telling me that a part of the fireplace had fallen and he was fixing it. He told me to go to sleep. "About 2 o'clock in the morning another noise awakened me. I went into the front room and found Albert shoving something into the grate. I offered to help him and he ordered me to go to bed. He said he would choke me to death if I did not go. I went back to my own room."

Defeated in its motion for a directed verdict, the defense in the case of Walter H. Moore, former president of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank, called the first witness in his behalf this afternoon. The morning session was wholly consumed in argument on the motion of the defense and the decision of Judge Bronaugh, in which he upheld the contentions of the state at every point.

C. W. Fulton, chief counsel for the defense, says he expects to finish the testimony on his side by tomorrow evening. He also indicated that it is his purpose to place Moore himself on the stand, although he did not say positively that this will be done. Some of those who have watched the progress of the trial believe the testimony of the state has made it necessary for

FIRST WITNESS IN BEHALF OF BANKER MOORE CALLED; WILL NOT DIRECT VERDICT

Moore himself to give his version of the tangled affairs of the Oregon Trust to the jury. Judge Bronaugh, in passing on the motion for a direct verdict, said he regarded the Oregon banking law as the broadest of any state in the union. To narrow its application to the officer or employee who performs the physical act, said the court, would be to make it practically ineffective. The defense had contended that the evidence failed to show Moore personally knew of the retention of the deposit of Minnie Mitchell after banking hours on the last day the bank was open, and could not be convicted for that reason. "Constructed as a whole," said Judge

Zelaya's Sweetheart



Miss Juliet Hero, the young Greek who recently secured a verdict in New York of \$2000 for breach of promise against Dr. Anibel Zelaya, nephew of former President Zelaya of Nicaragua. After the suit was begun she received an offer from Zelaya to settle the controversy by marriage with a \$30,000 settlement. She declined and is about to sail for Greece with her mother.

BLOODY MURDER DONE ON ESTATE OF MILLIONAIRE

Beautiful Wife of Joseph A. Merrick the Victim; Body Excoriated and Clothes Torn Off in Deadly Struggle.

Baltimore, Md., March 28.—The body of Mrs. Joseph A. Merrick, a handsome young woman, was found today with the throat cut on the suburban estate of Alexander Brown, a millionaire banker. The circumstances in which the body was found point to murder. The body was gashed about the neck and breast, and the clothing had been torn off.

Her husband was arrested shortly before noon. The police say the Merricks have been estranged for a long time. It is said, according to the officers, that husband and wife were seen together yesterday. The police theory is that the couple attempted to make up their differences but quarreled. The police say a bloody handkerchief was found in Merrick's pocket.

Julia Childs, a colored maid found the body. It was lying on the bank of a small stream that runs through the Brown estate. A trail of blood led from the body to the stream, and the police

COL. DUDLEY EVANS DIES IN NEW YORK

Head of Wells Fargo & Company Since 1902; Was a Resident of Portland.

New York, March 28.—Colonel Dudley Evans, president of Wells-Fargo & Co., died last night at the Roosevelt after an operation for gall stones. He was born at Morgantown, W. Va., in 1838, and fought with the Army of the Confederacy as lieutenant colonel of the Twentieth Virginia cavalry from 1863 to 1865.

SALE OF CENTRAL OREGON ROAD LANDS NEAR CONSUMMATION

Ontario, Or., March 28.—A sale of the lands of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Road company has been made to Minneapolis capitalists, the only remaining condition being that the property prove to be as represented. One hundred thousand dollars on an option has been placed in the First National bank of this city to bind the sale.

ROOSEVELT LIFTS BIG STICK OVER LAND OF EGYPT

In Address at University He Denounces Nationalists by Denouncing Assassination and All Assassins.

IMPLIED REBUKE TO FAINTHEARTED BRITISH

Says Constitution Is Useless Without Training for It; Degree for the Colonel.

By a Staff Correspondent of the United Press.

Cairo, Egypt, March 28.—Disregarding the warning of the nationalists, former President Theodore Roosevelt, in an address before the University of Egypt today, took a square stand for law enforcement, denouncing the assassination of Premier Boutros Pasha so vigorously that it surprised even those knowing the colonel's reputation for fearlessness.

The nationalists, it is believed here, are responsible for the assassination. Despite the fact that many members of the faculty and many students are in sympathy with the nationalists, there was so much in Roosevelt's address appealing to enlightened Egyptians, regardless of politics, that the colonel was roundly applauded and heartily congratulated at the end of his address. An echo of statements made in his address at Khartoum, in which he said English rule in Egypt was beneficial, was heard when he said:

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Assassination Anathematized.

Referring to the assassination of Premier Boutros, Roosevelt said: "The assassination was a greater calamity than any wrong of the assassin's victim."

Then he went on to say that the assassin type possessed all the qualities alien to good citizenship, and severely arraigned all persons who directly or indirectly encourage assassination or who defend the crime afterward.

Many of the colonel's hearers understood an implied arraignment of the British authorities for their weakness in dealing with the crime.

Later it was learned that an attempt had been made to induce Roosevelt to omit certain paragraphs of his speech, but that he refused to do so.

Honored By University. At the conclusion of his speech, the university conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Roosevelt.

Roosevelt had luncheon with Mr. Watson, head of the American mission here. At 3 o'clock this afternoon he attended the dedication of the American girl's mission school. His program includes attendance at two gala performances at the theatre here, the proceeds of the entertainments to be given to charity.

Colonel Roosevelt cabled Senator Warren of Wyoming this afternoon accepting an invitation to visit Cheyenne the last week in August to attend a pioneer celebration.

The colonel was pleasantly surprised at noon today by the visit of 20 natives, former members of his hunting party, whom he believed he had left far up the Nile. They said they could not resist the temptation to come to Cairo to say good-by. The colonel gave them a banquet.