

RUSSIAN CRUISER AND 700 MEN DESTROYED OFF PORT ARTHUR

DOES NOT FAVOR INVESTIGATION

Bad Politics to Ferret Out Any More Postal Frauds, According to Roosevelt.

WILL CALL A HALT ON HUNTING FOR THIEVES.

Important Witnesses Against Apostle Smoot Have Disappeared and Cannot Be Found—This Will Cripple the Investigation About to Be Resumed—A Drunken Juror Causes Delay in Trial of Man Who Swindled District of Columbia.

Washington, April 13.—It is learned this afternoon that the president is not in sympathy with the plan of senate leaders to have a postoffice investigation this summer, and that he is endeavoring to dissuade them from such a course, believing it would be futile, as well as impolitic. The president has said as much to Aldrich, who was summoned from the conference.

Mormon Witnesses Disappear. Six of the 12 Mormon witnesses for whom summons have been issued by the senate committee on privileges and elections to appear to testify in the Smoot case, have disappeared. All efforts to find them have been in vain. Chairman Burrows has sent word to President Smith that it is very unfortunate for the church that these people have gone into hiding. Bishop Grant, one of these, is known to be in Europe.

Calvin Cobb Subpoenaed. Salt Lake City, Utah, April 13.—Calvin Cobb, proprietor of the Idaho Statesman, is among those subpoenaed for which papers arrived today. He is expected to testify regarding alleged church interference in politics in Idaho. Word is received here that Senator Burrows asks Smoot to use his influence for the appearance of the missing witnesses, Apostles Taylor, Grant and Tanner, and Lillian Hamilton, at the investigation next week, according to the promise made by President Smith.

Drunken D. C. Juror. Owing to the charge of drunkenness made this morning against one of the jurors, the trial of J. M. A. Watson, the alleged embezzler of \$73,000 from the office of the district auditor, is postponed. Justice Pritchard dismissed the jury and ordered another panel, and held Juror Orison in contempt.

General Deficiency Bill. The general deficiency appropriation bill, the last of the supply bills, was reported to the house today. It carries \$10,500,000.

To Evade the Eddy Tax Law. Baker City, April 13.—The Black Butte Mining Company owning the rich Black Butte group of mines in Grant county, has pulled out of Oregon, in order to evade payment of the Eddy tax, and has been reincorporated under laws of the state of Maine. The formal transfer of the property of the company, which consists of two groups of patented claims and 175 acres of land, was filed in Grant county last week. A patent was also issued to the new company to the Black Butte group.

Car Burns Burned. Buffalo, N. Y., April 13.—The barns of the International Railway, covering a block, burned this morning. Loss, \$200,000, and insured. Cause, probably incendiary.

John Healy, a Chicago hold-up man, was shot and killed by Police-man Wiesen, in self-defense.

Gigantic Strike Probable.

Washington, April 13.—The expected machinist strike over the Santa Fe system, will probably be ordered before May 1, according to the officials of the International Association here. The principal lodges are all but unanimous in their decision to go out. President O'Connell will leave for the West this week to arrange details with the local officers. He says the association is in the best financial condition in its history, and prepared for every contingency likely to arise.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

Premier of Spain Was Stabbed at Madrid.

Barcelona, Spain, April 13.—Premier Maura narrowly escaped death at the hands of an assassin today. The premier was leaving the palace of the consul general when he was met by an assailant, flourishing a dagger. Maura threw up his arm in time to save his body, but received a severe slash. The would-be assassin was captured.

Maura's wound is not serious. The premier had just returned from a service for the repose of the soul of Queen Isabella, and was entering the palace when Joaquin Miguel Arto, aged 19, approached and struck at the premier with a dagger concealed in a handkerchief. Arto was immediately imprisoned.

COLON BEACHED.

Old Mail Ship Will Be a Total Loss on Pt. Remedios.

Panama, April 13.—The steamer Colon from San Francisco to Panama, is ashore at Point Remedios, on the coast of Salvador. All aboard are safe. The vessel is believed to be a total loss. She was afterward floated and beached at Acajutla. The Colon had been on the Panama run for many years.

WAR IN TIBET.

English Will Use Indian Troops Over the Frontier.

London, April 13.—When the commonsense Premier Balfour announced that the action of the Tibetans has made it necessary for him to ask the house to sanction the employment of Indian troops beyond the frontier of Tibet. The budget will be introduced next Tuesday.

Died Insane.

Madrid, April 13.—General Toral, who commanded the Spanish land forces at Santiago de Cuba, when the latter surrendered to the Americans, died in an insane asylum at Leganes this morning. He brooded over his capitulation until his mind gave way.

CONFLICTING AUTHORITIES

MARTIAL LAW AND CIVIL PROCESS IN CONFLICT.

Military Refuse to Produce President Moyer, of the Federation of Miners in Answer to a Writ of Habeas Corpus—Actual Civil War is Probable in Colorado.

Ouray, Col., April 13.—A writ of attachment to arrest General Bell, commanding the troops in San Miguel county, and Captain Wells, for contempt of court in not producing President Moyer's body in Judge Stevens' court here yesterday, was issued this morning. Sheriff Corbett is undecided when he will go to Telluride to attempt to get service on Bell and Wells.

General Bell this morning declared with great anger that if any force was attempted by Sheriff Corbett to take either him or Wells out of San Miguel county, that there would be plenty of work for the coroner to do. Bell also stated that a warrant would be sworn out against Judge Stevens, but refused to say what the nature of the charge would be. The threat to arrest Judge Stevens is taken as a retaliation, and is generally ridiculed by the conservative element.

PRELIMINARY HEARING.

Mrs. Botkin Charged With Committing Another Murder.

San Francisco, Cal., April 13.—The preliminary hearing of Mrs. Botkin on the charge of murdering Mrs. Deane, was again postponed this morning. The attorney for the defense urged a continuance on the ground that he wished time to prepare a motion for a new trial in the Dunning case.

This motion will be argued Saturday. The court set the preliminary hearing for Thursday.

Tug Sank.

Manistee, Mich., April 13.—The tug Frank Canfield, sank off Point St Ignace last night. Captain Smith and Engineer Kopka, and Helper Justman were drowned.

Henry Davis is a miser of Winsted, Conn. He had certificates of deposit for \$12,000 in gold, but became suspicious of the banks and drew it out for the sole purpose of counting it. The banks closed before he finished counting, and that night the entire hoard was stolen.

RUSSIA LOSES FIRST-CLASS BATTLESHIP PETROPAPLOVSK

Went Down With Seven Hundred Men and Admiral Makaroff—St. Petersburg Stunned by the News.

Two Other Russian Warships Were Damaged at the Same Time—Japanese Cross the Yalu and Spread Out Over the Adjacent Country. But Have a Scouting Force of Fifty Annihilated—It is Believed in Semi-Official Sources at St. Petersburg That War With England Over the Tibet Imbroglio is Probable.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—Vice Admiral Grigorovitch sends the following official account of the loss of the Petropavlovsk: The Petropavlovsk struck a mine at the entrance of the harbor today. The mine exploded and the vessel was overturned. The squadron was near Golden Mountain at the time. The Japanese were approaching port. Vice Admiral Makaroff is apparently dead. Grand Duke Cyril, Captain Yakovlev and five officers and 32 sailors escaped, but more than 600 men were drowned. A number of bodies have already been recovered.

700 Dead, Including Makaroff.

London, April 13.—From St. Petersburg it is now announced that 700 are dead, including Vice Admiral Makaroff, as a result of the sinking of the battleship Petropavlovsk by contact with a mine. The battleship was returning from a cruise.

Hoist by Their Own Petard.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—Grand Duke Vladimir, father of Grand Duke Cyril, received a dispatch from Grand Duke Boris stating that Cyril's wound is slight. No mention is made in the telegram of the loss of the crew. The cause of the disaster is reported to be contact with a Russian mine, not a Jap torpedo.

Russian Battleship Destroyed.

Berlin, April 13.—From St. Petersburg today a semi-official telegram received here states that the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk has been sunk off Port Arthur. Four officers, including the Grand Duke Cyril, the czar's cousin, were wounded.

Another private message from Port Arthur adds that two other ships were seriously damaged. The Petropavlovsk was reported destroyed by a torpedo. All aboard are said to have been lost with the exception of four officers, including Grand Duke Cyril, and they were wounded.

Reported Capture of Makaroff.

London, April 13.—A rumor originating in Paris, has it that Admiral Makaroff, commanding the Russian sea forces at Port Arthur, has been captured by Japs, but it is not confirmed.

St. Petersburg Stunned.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—The capital is stunned by the reported disaster to the battleship Petropavlovsk and the death of Makaroff. While the officials of the department keep silence, adding greatly to the uncertainty as to just what has happened at Port Arthur, confirmation of the fearful catastrophe comes through sources of high standing. As the news percolates slowly the people gather in knots and discuss it in whispers.

Funeral of Commander Hirose.

Tokio, April 13.—The last rites over the body of Commander Hirose, who was killed March 27 in the second attempt to bottle Port Arthur, were held today. Throngs of people uncovered as the cortege passed. The coffin was borne on a gun carriage, with a full military and naval guard. The medals of the dead hero were carried on a silken pall.

Probable Capture of Makaroff.

London, April 13.—In naval circles it is pointed out there is considerable possibility in the reported capture of Admiral Makaroff at Port Arthur. Recent reports stated that Makaroff has been making sorties from the port in small boats, doing scout duty. It is a possibility that the Japs allowed the admiral to grow over-confident and have intercepted him. Makaroff being the hero of the

hour at Port Arthur, his capture, if confirmed, is a sad blow to Russia.

Fight at Mouth of Yalu.

Tokio, April 13.—The official account of the skirmish between two small bodies of Japs and Russians, April 10, on the banks of the Yalu, was received today.

It states that a lieutenant and five marines were sent in a Korean fishing boat to reconnoiter about the mouth of the river. They sighted seven Russian cavalrymen on a Chinese junk and attacked them. The Russians were reinforced, but were finally driven back, losing one killed and two wounded. The Japs suffered no losses.

The report apparently concerns the same fight noted in Kuropatkin's statement, with the difference that the latter stated the Jap boats sunk and all aboard were lost.

Japs Scouts Annihilated.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—An official dispatch confirms Kuropatkin's report of the Samalind annihilation of 50 Jap scouts, and adds details of the Japanese movements. The Japs had been entering Manchuria opposite Chahedisi, disguised as Koreans, and spreading along the river as far as Pomahonha.

In the second dispatch Kashtalinski reports that the night of the 11th a suspicious looking boat approached the mouth of the river Laohoe. After several shots were fired it put out its lights and retired. At the beginning of the cannonade seven Japs put out from the right bank of the river, but when fired at retired.

More Russian Losses.

Tokio, April 13.—A Wiju dispatch states that a company of Russian troops attempted to cross the Yalu west of town this morning. A company of Japs drove them back. Twenty Russians are known to have been killed. They belonged to the 12th regiment of sharpshooters. Several other Russian parties have been repulsed in attempts to cross the river.

Russians Confident.

London, April 13.—Labourers in the newspaper Tri-b, today quote a Russian friend as stating the impression in Russia is that the war with Japan will be ended the coming summer. This friend is further quoted as saying a fight with England over Tibet is not considered an impossibility.

Fleeing From Conscript.

Berlin, April 13.—Five hundred Poles, fleeing from Russian conscript, have arrived at Posen.

Battle in Progress.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—The latest official dispatches state that a battle still continues off Port Arthur.

After an All-Day Battle.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—An official dispatch this evening states that the Japanese fleet, after a battle with Russian forts and ships all day, has retired and is now stationed at Liaotshan, to the south of Port Arthur.

Makaroff's Loss an Awful Blow.

London, April 13.—The loss of Makaroff is a blow that can hardly be estimated. He was the very heart of the Russian aggression at Port Arthur. Up to the time of his assuming direction, the Russian warships crouched and shivering under the guns of Port Arthur waiting for a renewal of the Japanese intermittent attacks, and when they came, spluttered back in a blind way. In place of this, Makaroff actually assumed the offensive.

The night of March 10 he sent six torpedo boats to sea to look for Japanese warships. These met the enemy and maintained a hot fight, each side losing a torpedo boat. Observing his torpedo boat foundering, Makaroff went out with two cruisers to face the entire Japanese fleet, but was too late to be of assistance. Such action was a perfect index of his work of infusing new life into the dry bones of the port.

AFTER FRANCHISES.

James Galloway Interviews Milton and Freewater Councils.

Walla Walla, April 13.—James Galloway returned this morning from Milton and Freewater where he had been in the interest of the proposed electric line.

He went over the proposed route and last night appeared before the city councils of both Milton and Freewater with a request for a franchise.

"I was assured by the council of both those places that there would be no trouble in securing a franchise for the proposed electric road," said Mr. Galloway today.

"The farmers along the proposed route are very enthusiastic over the proposition and I do not anticipate any difficulty in securing a complete right of way if I can secure the franchises from Walla Walla, Milton and Freewater."

WENT OVER THE CLIFF.

Automobile Had Occupants, and Nobody Was Killed.

Walla Walla, April 13.—Drawn over a 100-foot precipice in an automobile which had become unmanageable, M. D. Wardlow, manager of the Cash Cycle Company, and Miss Besie York, of Walla Walla had a miraculous escape from tragic death yesterday afternoon while touring the upper Mill creek country in Mr. Wardlow's auto. As a result of their fearful fall Miss York is suffering from a dislocation and fracture of the lower condyle. Mr. Wardlow is stiff, sore and bruised about the body, while the automobile is badly wrecked by coming in contact with the rocks in an old channel of Mill creek.

Pope Was Tired Out.

Rome, April 13.—The pope shows the results of the fatigue of yesterday's mass, manifesting considerable agitation in the morning.

Exposition Hall Collapses.

Philadelphia, April 13.—Exposition hall collapsed this afternoon, burying several workmen. Three were badly hurt.

PROTEST BY MR. HAILEY

PROVOKED AT NEGLIGENCE IRRIGATION COMMISSION.

The Sight of Florida Tomatoes at the Pendleton Depot Excites Him to Wrath—He Clamors for Suggestions for Incorporation in the Proposed Irrigation Law.

T. G. Hailey wants the irrigation commission to hurry up and hand in their ideas. Since the meeting held in Portland some time ago, at which it was decided that all the members should look over the different laws and make their suggestions and annotations, and after which all should be handed to Mr. Hailey for drafting into a law, but one of the commission has seemed to take any interest in the matter and Mr. Hailey is becoming impatient.

He was at the train this morning on his way to his ranch, when a large consignment of tomatoes from Florida were being transferred from the east-bound to the Spokane branch.

"It is a shame," said the man in whose care is reposing the future irrigation laws of the state, "It is a shame that all of these things have to be shipped in. Look at those tomatoes, brought 2,500 miles, every one of which could be duplicated in this county at this time. If there was water on the land. All of this freight would be saved the consumer, and the people of Umatilla county would get the price of the tomatoes."

"There is a carload of cream, also," continued Mr. Hailey. "If we had irrigation we would have all kinds of cream, and Pendleton would ship it out, or better still, would have a creamery here to handle it. Instead of seeing it pass through from another point, to outside consumers."

"And," finished Mr. Hailey, as he climbed on the train ranchward bound, "Pendleton should have a packing plant to take care of the rapidly increasing droves of fine hogs and herds of beef cattle that are to be found in the county."

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, April 13.—May wheat opened 92½, closed 93½; old July opened 87½, closed 88½; new July opened 85½, closed 87½. July corn opened and closed at 60½.

Mrs. Edward King, of New York, has given \$100,000 for the erection of an Episcopal chapel on Cathedral Heights, in that city.

HILL-HARRIMAN FIGHT IN COURT

Mutual Accusations of Trying to Rob Each Other and the Stockholders.

THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND CITIZEN STOCKHOLDERS.

Counsel Very Solicitous About the Rights of the People—One Crowd Accuses the Other of Bulldozing to Effect a Robbery, the Other Claims the "33,000 Stockholders" Are a Myth and Dummy—Open Accusation by Counsel That the Northern Securities Company Still Exists.

St. Paul, April 13.—The Hill-Harriman case is in the hands of the circuit court judges for decision. The arguments ended this morning.

Today's session was bitter. The counsel for Hill accused Harriman of seeking delay in the decision of the case, as the people will be scared into disposing of their stock at a low figure to Harriman. The counsel insisted that the rights of 33,000 citizen stockholders should be preserved and not allow the Harriman crowd, that false fact of the Union Pacific, to be taken off.

Guthrie, for Harriman attached the most stress to the claim that the books of the merger company should be investigated, to show where the stock has gone, intimating that much of the Hill-Morgan stock is owned by dummies; that Hill and Morgan have been preparing for months to outwit the court.

He created a sensation by charging the Hill-Morgan interests with buying a large amount of Great Northern and Northern Pacific for the Securities Company. Ellhu Root declared this accusation false.

FUNERAL OF COLONEL BOYD.

Under Auspices of Masons and a Large Attendance.

The funeral of the late Colonel E. D. Boyd was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. At that time the remains were borne by the pallbearers (T. C. Taylor, George Hartman, J. F. Robinson, A. W. Nye, W. D. Hansford and Charles Carter, selected by the Masons to act in that capacity,) from Masonic hall, where they had been guarded during the night, and were taken to the Church of the Redeemer. The Masons and Kit Carson post of the G. A. R. preceded the hearse to the church.

The large auditorium of the church was filled with the friends of Colonel Boyd, who had gathered to pay their last respects to their old friend and fellow citizen, and who listened with deep reverence to the impressive ceremony of the church and the sermon, as conducted and spoken by Rev. Andreas Bard, of Walla Walla.

At the conclusion of the ceremony at the church the remains were taken in charge by the Masons, who accompanied them to the grave, where they were interred according to the rites of the order.

The procession was one of the largest ever seen in the city, friends and acquaintances from the entire county having assembled to pay their last debt to the departed.

Marriage License.

A marriage license was issued this morning to Guy Wyrick and Miss Iva Younger, both of this city. As both of the young people are under age, the consent of the parents was necessary before the issuance of the permit could be granted. Both of the parties are well known in Pendleton, being members of the graduating class at the high school.

Persecuted in His Name.

Berlin, April 13.—Fifty Jewish families, numbering 400 persons, who fled from Lom-palanka, Bulgaria, as a result of the anti-Semite outbreak, have sought refuge at Widin. Driven out, they wandered to Kalafat, Roumania. There they were again ordered away, and are now bivouacking on the Roumanian bank of the Danube, in a pitiable state, bordering on famine. All these unfortunates regard America as the only land where religious liberty and civil rights are possible for them.