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OUR JAPANESE WARSHIPS LOST

Russian Port Arthur Squadron Caught Them Off Their Guard.

RUSSIANS LOSE GUNBOAT CLEARING HARBOR MOUTH.

Russians Lose a Merchantman by a Mine and Have a Schooner Captured - Japanese Mobilizing an Army at Vladivostok - Russian Destroyer in the Limit of Trans-Siberian Railway's Capacity Being Reached - Japanese Promotions.

Liao Yang, June 6.—It is persistently reported that the Port Arthur squadron sortied yesterday and caught the Japanese fleet off guard, sinking four Japanese ships.

Russians Lose a Gunboat. London, June 6.—The Japanese minister has a dispatch from Tokio announcing the reported sinking of a Russian gunboat off Port Arthur, presumably by a Japanese mine. Other Russian gunboats, destroyers and torpedo boats engaged in clearing mines outside hastily fled inside the harbor.

Japs Lose a Merchantman. Cape Foo, June 6.—It is reported a Cape Foo Japanese merchantman was run up off Tallawan by a mine.

Amenities of War. St. Petersburg, June 6.—A telegram from Liao Yang gives an interesting account of the battle of Klopnenburg, May 30. During the fight General Kaskalinski ordered the 10th East Siberian regiment to advance, thus covering the retreat of the general Russian army. The order was obeyed and as the regiment marched forward with the most steadiness in the face of the most certain annihilation, the Japanese on the neighboring heights, observing the move, saluted the Russian heroes with cheers. In reply, General Kaskalinski ordered the battery trained on the Japanese to cease firing, and during the lull following the armies separated.

Jap Schooner Captured. Tokyo, June 6.—A small Japanese schooner has been captured by the Russians off Saghalien Island, and the crew of 63 made prisoners.

Reached Its Limit. St. Petersburg, June 6.—Alarming reports are current today that the Trans-Siberian railway has reached its limit of capacity for transporting supplies for feeding the Russian army in Manchuria.

Japanese Promotions. Tokyo, June 6.—The following promotions are announced: Vice Admiral Togo and Camamoto to be admiral, and Lieutenant General Kodenski, Hasegawa, Niishi and Tanaka to be general.

Colored Trooper Shot. As a result of a quarrel over a colored woman residing in one of the houses on Rose street, between Third and Fourth, Corporal William H. O'Brien of the Ninth cavalry band, is lying in a bed at the post hospital with a bullet wound in his right leg. The wound was inflicted by a bullet fired from a pistol in the hands of Charles Russell, colored, who lives with the woman over whom the trouble began. The shooting took place Saturday night about 11 o'clock near the corner of Fifth and Rose streets, and six persons were fired at the colored bandsman by Russell, only one of them taking effect.—Walla Walla Statesman.

Distillery Explosion. Peoria, Ill., June 6.—Ten persons were killed, a score injured, 20,000 barrels of whiskey destroyed and 3,000 cattle burned to death in an explosion at the plant of the Corning Distillery Company yesterday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock. The immense warehouse in which the explosion occurred was completely destroyed and three other buildings were gutted by the flames. The property loss has reached \$1,000,000 so far. It is thought that the death list will be increased. The Corning Distillery is the second largest in the world. All evidences of the cause were destroyed.



WEATHER FORECAST. Tonight and Tuesday fair; cooler tonight; warmer Tuesday.

BIDS FOR FORAGE.

Portland Firms Offer to Furnish Government Feed. Portland, June 6.—Bids to supply the government with 3875 tons of hay and 5621 tons of oats for shipment to Manila were opened at the office of Col. Jesse M. Baker, local disbursing quartermaster, today. There were four firms who submitted proposals for grain, while there was only one bidder for the hay business. None of them put in bids for the entire amount, and it is probable that the awards will have to be divided among them in order to make up the full amount asked for by the government.

The Albers Brothers Milling Company is the only firm submitting a hay bid, and it offered to supply less than half the amount called for by the government. It is inferred from this that hay is becoming scarce in the country and that it can be secured in big quantities with difficulty. A complete list of the bidders and their several proposals are as follows:

D. A. Puttalo offered to supply 500 tons of oats at \$27.75 a ton, 400 tons at \$29.75, 500 tons at \$32.75, and 500 tons at \$32.75, delivery to begin at the Oceanic dock 20 days after the award is made.

Kerr, Gifford & Co. offered to supply 1000 tons of oats at \$32.50, and 1000 tons at \$32.25.

E. W. Simpson offered to supply 800 tons of oats at \$30.25 a ton, and 400 tons at \$33 a ton, delivery to begin 10 days after the award is made.

Albers Bros. Milling Company offered to supply 900 tons of oats at \$30 a ton, and 500 tons at \$33.50 a ton; 1000 tons of Oregon timothy hay at \$19.80 a ton, and 500 tons of timothy hay at \$21 a ton, delivery to be started 20 days after the award is made.

ARMOUR COMPANY MAKES A SQUEAL

TRYING TO BULLDOZE COUNTRY MERCHANTS. Representative and Spokesman of the Great Monopoly Threatens a Business Man Who Was Summoned to Testify Before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Chicago, June 6.—That a representative of the Armour Car Company threatened "to make it hot" for commission merchants if they testified in regard to the effect of alleged monopoly contracts between the Armour company and the railroads in the Michigan fruit belt was a charge made in testimony before the interstate commerce commission today. J. C. Maynard, a commission merchant at Grand Rapids, Mich., testified that F. K. Wolcott had said: "You fellows should not have come down here to testify. We will see that you get the hot end of the stick." Attorney A. R. Union, who represents the Armour company before the commission, explained that Mr. Wolcott was a "very subordinate" employe of the company and that if he had made the statement alleged it was not upon the advice of his superiors. He said the company would not countenance such action.

EXPERIMENTS WITH LOCO.

Montana Professors Will Test the Action of the Plant on Stock. Dr. V. T. Chestnut of the Boxeman, Mont., experiment station, has arranged for some important experiments to be conducted in this county on the loco plant and its effect upon sheep. The scene of operations will be on the ranch of Hon. Paul L. VanCleve, a few miles north of Melville. Dr. T. T. Marshall has been enlisted here from the east especially to assist Dr. Chestnut in the work. The experiments last year with feeding the loco did not prove that the weed itself is actually harmful. Sheep fed at the Kelly ranch for a certain length of time actually took on flesh and showed other signs of physical improvement.

It is believed by many old time shepherds in this part of the state that the presence of worms in sheep supposed to be affected with loco can easily be explained from the fact that during the hot weather of summer the stalks of the loco plant emit a sort of sweetish liquid or juice, which attracts a certain fly. The flies deposit eggs in the stalk of the plant, which develop into worms, and these worms are said not to be wholly unlike those found in the carcasses of sheep. The stalk of the loco plant, when broken off during a certain period of the summer, will disclose these worms in considerable numbers.

Old Landmark Torn Down. The old Overland hotel at Boise is to be torn down and a fine new stone and brick hotel to be built in place. The new hotel will probably cost over \$300,000 and will be six stories high and fitted with every modern convenience. Construction work on the new building will commence about July 1. The Overland is one of the first good hotels built in the Island Empire.

DYNAMITE EXPLODED UNDER TWENTY-FIVE COAL MINERS

Eleven Blown to Instant Death and the Remainder Crippled for Life or Will Die From Their Injuries.

Plotters Were Careful to Exempt the Trainmen—Appeal to Governor Peabody for Troops, and Possibly to the President—Bloodhounds Started Upon Possible Trails of the Wholesale Murderers—Fifty Thousand Dollars Reward is Offered for the Arrest and Conviction of Whoever is Responsible for the Awful Deed.

Victor, Col., June 6.—Three hundred pounds of dynamite placed in a mine by unknown assassins under the depot of the Florence & Cripple Creek station, was exploded at 2 this morning while 25 non-union miners employed at the Findlay mine located on Bull Hill, were standing upon the platform.

Eleven were instantly killed, eight fatally injured and six other partially injured.

The dead are Gus Augustupe, aged 33, Victor; Arthur Muhlsen, aged 35, Victor; Henry J. Haag, Fleck McLain, shift boss; Charles Barber, Herbert McCoy and six others.

Discharged by Electricity. The mine was discharged by electricity by a man concealed in the shaft house of the Delmonico mine. The deadly wire has been traced to this building. The fiend used a chair leg with which to pull the wire.

As soon as the news reached here a company of the national guard was ordered out and a relief train sent from Cripple Creek carrying doctors, nurses and officers. Arriving at Independence the work of removing the bodies began at 4 o'clock.

Horrible Scene. The horrible scene about the depot is terrible in the extreme, portions of human beings being scattered over the right of way of the railroad and in the 20-foot hole made by the explosion are severed skulls, arms, legs and hands. Every object within a radius of 50 feet of the hole is bespattered with blood. Eight men are lying in the Victor Red Cross hospital in a terrible condition from wounds received and all will die.

Bloodhounds on Trail. The injured are A. J. Bodlee, face and head and internal; O. C. Lawrence Allen, leg broken; John Gayvey, both legs broken; Edward Holland, legs broken; Pulpit Chandler, ankle broken and internally. A number of bloodhounds have arrived and are trying to find the trail of the murderers.

GARMENT WORKERS' UNION.

Strike Expected That Will Affect Sixty Thousand. Boston, Mass., June 6.—In Paine Memorial Hall this morning the fifth annual meeting of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union officially opened with an attendance of delegates representing 8,000 members. It is expected a strike will be called affecting 60,000.

WAREHOUSE GUTTED.

New York Seven-story Business House Destroyed. New York, June 6.—Fire this morning gutted the seven-story warehouse of McKesson & Co., Robins, druggist, and the building occupied by the Hoefler Wall Paper Company, and Sherry & Hutchinson, the United Merchants' Photograph Association. Total loss, \$250,000.

Great Loss to Shipping.

London, June 6.—The Spanish steamer Aviles, is ashore at Terceira, a total wreck, with crew and passengers saved. The new Greek steamer Corinthia is reported sunk near Duesorolle rocks, Galatia. Fourteen of the 38 aboard were saved. The steamer Britannia sunk in a collision with the steamer Flugel, south of Flambeau head. The crew was landed.

Dropped Dead at Sumpter.

Sumpter, June 6.—John Beardsley, a popular and well known barber, dropped dead in this city with heart disease, Sunday. He leaves four small children.

"HUSKIN' BEE" THE FAD.

Second Performance Given at Lewiston by Miss Thompson. "The Huskin' Bee" which was produced by local talent in this city some time ago, by the Women's clubs for the benefit of the Sacajawea monument fund is now the fad in the Northwest. At Lewiston, Idaho, a second successful performance has just been given, and the Lewiston Tribune, speaking of it, says: "Last evening the second produc-

tion of the "Huskin' Bee" was marked by the same high class performance of Tuesday night, while a more enthusiastic audience has never assembled in the Lewiston opera house. There is no question that the "Huskin' Bee" has made a hit in Lewiston, and the only complaint last night was that there was not more of it. The entertainment has shown that the city has local talent that is talent and it has also shown that Miss Thompson who came here highly recommended as a director, is fully entitled to the honors she has won in so many cities. Last night there was an improved production over the initial performance.

PETER WEST'S WIVES.

Pendleton Attorney, in Applying for a Pension, Gives His Matrimonial Experience. In applying for a pension recently, Peter West, the well known divorce lawyer of this city, gave the following list of wives wed by him in his matrimonial career: Eliza Hubbard, married in Waterloo, Iowa; divorced there in 1868. Bertha Meira, married December 7, 1868, in Independence, Iowa; divorced in Waverly, Iowa, in 1873. Emma Dixon, married in Sacramento, Cal., October 12, 1875; divorced January 18, 1879, in Iowa City, Iowa. Elizabeth Bray, married July 4, 1879, in Winnemucca, Nev.; divorced December 19, 1881, at the same place. Frances Westfall, married August, 1882, at Rye Patch, Nev.; divorced June 19, 1885, at Winnemucca, Nev. Mary Pendleton, married November 24, 1886, Oakland, Cal.; divorced December 19, 1890, at Reno, Nev. Lucy E. Johnson, married December 31, 1890, in Reno, Nev.; divorced February 13, 1896, at Pendleton, Ore. Helinda E. Hagley, married July 2, 1897, at Pendleton, Ore.; died May 17, 1898, at same place. Laura F. Burget, married August, 1898, at Pendleton, Ore.; divorced April 4, 1899. Pauline Miller, married October 25, 1899, at Pendleton, Ore., now living happily on the farm.

Train Crew Exempt.

The plotters evidently did not want to injure any of the train crew. Train started from Alta Vista and picked up various 4 o'clock shifts who wished to return to their homes. When within 75 feet of the depot at Independence the whistle sounded for the men at the depot to get ready to go aboard and warn laggards to make haste. As the shrill blast sounded a muffled roar came, the mountain trembled as by an earthquake, and a detonation loud and long was heard for miles. The train, running slowly, was brought to a sudden stop and the crew hastened forward. It took a few seconds for the trainmen to appreciate the terrible results of the explosion, and messengers rushed for assistance.

The Findlay mine is controlled by A. E. Carlton, president of the First National Bank, who is prominent in the councils of the Mineowners' Association, and a stubborn enemy of union labor. The following are dead, in addition to the first names wired: J. P. Hatsock, aged 55; Fred Buckley and William Shanklin, making a total of 11 dead.

LYNCHING AT WHITEBIRD.

Murderer of George Brownlee is Avenged by Vigilantes. Grangeville, Idaho, June 6.—Grangeville today has been doing nothing but talking about the lynching of Thomas Myers, for the murder of George Brownlee near Whitebird Saturday.

On account of the town not being connected with telephone service, definite information was not received from Whitebird until late yesterday afternoon, and during the early part of the day all kinds of rumors were afloat.

The body of Myers was found hanging to a tree at the mouth of Whitebird canyon about one and a half miles above Whitebird.

The rope had been placed around his neck with a common slip noose and the other end thrown over a limb and made fast.

Whether Myers was raised from the ground or was jerked from his horse is not known by the general public, but on account of the distance of his feet from the ground, and the fact that his horse was left tied to the tree, it is probable that he was jerked from the animal, as rumored yesterday.

Myers is known to have spoken, but once after the mob caught him. When all hope of escape had passed, he, with members of the mob on all sides of him, dismounted from his horse and coolly remarked: "Well, I guess you have got me." A member of the mob replied: "You bet we have."

The closing scenes of the tragedy will remain a secret with the members of the mob who avenged the murder of George Brownlee.

LOCAL OPTION IS GREATEST ISSUE

PENDLETON HAS A HOT BUT QUIET ELECTION.

A Heavy Vote is Anticipated for the Day's Totals, of Which a Very Large Proportion Will Be Cast Between Five and Seven p. m.—Vigorous Electioneering Over Local Option.

The voting in all of the Pendleton precincts has been heavy and fast, though there has been no trouble or excitement of any kind. The greater number of the votes are expected during the last three hours of the day, when the laboring men begin to get away from their tasks and come to the polls.

At 2 o'clock 200 votes had been cast in North Pendleton, or more than half of the registration for that precinct. Pendleton precinct had cast 91, South Pendleton 108, and East Pendleton had added 150 more to the total. From 5 to 7 o'clock the polls will be crowded.

Contest Over Local Option.

The local option question seems to be the most bitterly contended issue in the whole election. Committees from both sides of the argument are at the polls, laboring with those who come to cast their votes. The local optionists have their tickets and circulars, while the other side also is out with tracts and dodgers. Each side works shoulder to shoulder for the point of view seeming best to him.

Most of those coming to vote, however, seem apparently to have their minds made up as to how their tickets shall be marked, before they reach the polling place.

Swearing in.

The notaries public of Pendleton have been a busy lot today, as was expected when the registration totals were counted up and it was found that the registration was much lighter than last time. The offices of several notaries have been full of men with the witnesses who wished to vote, it being estimated that over 100 men in this place swore in their votes.

DIVORCE CASE POSTPONED.

Delay Occasioned by Non-appearance of Witnesses.

San Francisco, June 6.—In anticipation of racy testimony, Judge Hubbard's court room was crowded this morning when the divorce case of Captain Jerome Madden, United States army, vs. Edith Madden, was called, but it was postponed at request of the defense, on the ground that important witnesses are absent. It was set for August 29.

British at Tangiers.

Washington, June 6.—Admiral Chadwick cables from Tangiers that the British minister has requested his government to send a battleship to Tangiers. The sultan is expected to arrive from Fez. The general opinion is that the force at the harbor should not be reduced.

Equerry Bridgeport Dead.

London, June 6.—Lord Bridgeport, honorary equerry to King Edward, is dead.

ESCAPADE WITH CHORUS SINGER

End of Caesar Young's Distracting Career With Wine, Women and Horses.

WOMAN COMPANION IS ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Met His Death as He Was About to Start for Europe With His Wife—Was Riding in a Closed Carriage With a Former Vocalist of the "Florodora" Company—A Mysterious Case, With the Balance of Opinion Favoring the Theory That Young Suicided—Defendant is Arraigned.

San Francisco, June 6.—Those who know Caesar Young well, refuse to believe he killed himself on account of losses at races. They think heavy drinking and domestic troubles due to escapades with various women caused the suicide.

It is known the woman he took with him to Los Angeles followed him to New York and word came from the East some time ago that he was badly worried by her presence there. Another story is to the effect he was madly in love with the woman and decided upon a separation.

"Florodora" Chorus Girl.

New York, June 6.—Mrs. Patterson was a member of the original "Florodora" sextette. Mrs. Young was at the pier waiting for her husband, whom she was to accompany abroad, when she was told he was dead. Mrs. Patterson hysterically stated Young had told her nothing of his trip abroad, and that just before he fired the shot he told her he would be gone several months and might never see her again.

Bail for Nan Patterson.

New York, June 6.—The coroner's examination into the death of Bookmaker Young adjourned on motion of the district attorney, till Friday. Bail for Nan Patterson, fixed at \$5,000, was furnished this afternoon.

Believed to Be Suicide.

Mrs. Patterson was present in court in charge of an officer, neatly garbed, without a veil to screen her face from the curious. She sat beside her father and betrayed many evidences of nervousness during the proceedings. The state asked for an adjournment because a certain witness is needed and the widow is not in a condition to appear. The counsel for Mrs. Patterson protested, but the coroner said that in view of the peculiar conditions surrounding the case, it would be only proper to give the police more time to investigate. The consensus of opinion of the people in court seemed to be that Young came to his death by his own hands.

Fifty Reported Killed.

Colorado Springs, Col., June 6.—Fifty persons are reported killed by the wreck of a train at Findlay station, due to a dynamite explosion.

Bank in the Harbor.

Queenstown, June 6.—The government steamer Tibatio, with 500 workmen, sank in the harbor this morning. All were rescued.

Mrs. Clemens Dead.

Florence, June 6.—Mrs. Samuel L. Clemens, wife of "Mark Twain," is dead of syncope.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, June 6.—Old July opened 89 1/2, closed 88 1/2; New July opened 88, closed 87 1/2; July corn opened 49 1/2, closed 48 1/2.

A trolley car struck an automobile containing six persons, in Kansas City. The auto was completely wrecked, but all its occupants escaped injury except to one bruised hand.

Seattle and Tuberculosis. Seattle, June 6.—During the past winter and up till June 1, between 40 and 50 per cent of all deaths in this city have been caused by lung and pulmonary diseases, while nearly 90 per cent of all cases diagnosed as lung and pulmonary diseases have proven fatal during that period. Some of the best physicians of the city also claim to note the increasing prevalence of tuberculosis in other forms than lung troubles. There is felt a much ill-concealed alarm at the state of affairs, both among the laymen and the profession.