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200 CADETS DIE WHEN THEIR TRAINING SHIP BLOWS UP

Accidental Explosion of Projectile in Magazine Sends Former Japanese Flagship to the Bottom.

Among the Missing is a Son of Field Marshal Oyama and Other Prominent Japanese—Men in Vicinity of Magazine Were Torn to Pieces—Ship Goes Down Before the Boats Could Be Lowered—Captain of the Vessel Is Among the Dead—Those in Hold Had No Chance for Their Lives and Were Drowned Like Rats in a Trap—None of the Survivors Able to Explain Cause of the Disaster Matsushima Was Flagship at Battle of Yalu—Carried Fifty Officers, Some of Whom Are Killed.

Tokio, Japan, April 30.—In nearly every household of military or naval fame of Japan there is sorrow today. Over one hundred of Japan's best and youngest blood has gone from her forever, wrapped in the waters of the sea off the Pescadore islands the Japanese training cruiser Matsushima went down early this morning.

A faulty cartridge in a magazine exploded and caused the explosion of the entire magazine. The big cruiser upon which Japan had been training her Togos of the future shuddered and broke in two.

In less than three minutes there was nothing but bits of wreckage upon the face of the sea and a few startled cries for help cutting into the night air to mark the spot where the vessel had been so short a time before.

Prominent Families Mourn.

Tokio, Japan, April 30.—A supplementary report received from Admiral Moshiamatsu of the sunken Japanese training ship Matsushima, says that only 141 men on board that vessel when she went down early this morning off Pescadore island, were rescued. If this is so, the number of dead will exceed 200.

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Owing to the illness of Assessor C. P. Strain and other reasons, the taxpayers' meeting announced for next Monday night will be indefinitely postponed.

According to T. C. Taylor, chairman of the Commercial association committee appointed to provide for the meeting, it was originally planned to have the meeting Monday. But on learning of Assessor Strain's illness, it was decided to postpone the meeting.

That the mass meeting will be held is assured by Mr. Taylor, who says that there is a strong sentiment in favor of the meeting and that the county court and assessor also indorse the proposition. However, he does not believe it would be fair to Mr. Strain to hold the meeting while he is physically unable to attend.

It has been suggested that when the taxpayers' mass meeting is held the subject of a publicity bureau be also taken up.

At Brockway, 10 miles west of Roseburg, Thursday night, burglars robbed the general store and postoffice conducted by F. B. Nichols, securing about \$20 in coin, \$12 in stamps, a district school order for \$40 and about \$50 in merchandise. There is no clew.

TWENTY-NINE COMBINES PURCHASED

Twenty-nine combine harvesters have been sold this spring by E. L. Smith, agent for the Holt machine, and if the orders continue to come, all past records for thresher sales will be smashed.

According to Mr. Smith the 29 combines which he has already sold will go to nearly every portion of the county. However, the majority of them will be unloaded in Pendleton for distribution among the farmers in this vicinity and south of here.

In shipping the machines out from

the factory two cars are used to haul three machines. Consequently Mr. Smith has already sufficient orders for 20 carloads of machines alone.

This first shipment of machines is now here and today Mr. Smith has had his men at work setting up the first combine to be delivered.

To set up the combines, deliver the same and see that they are in proper working order is the task upon which Mr. Smith will now be busy for several months. When the machines are all delivered he will take a vacation at the coast.

Among survivors were 41 cadets. The disaster was caused by the accidental explosion of a projectile in the magazine. The entire magazine blew up before the boats could be manned and the ship went down like a plummet.

Men in the vicinity of the magazine were torn to pieces. Those below had no chance to escape and went to the bottom with the ship.

The cruisers Hashidate and Itsukushima stood by and picked up the survivors.

The captain and other officers are among the dead.

None of the survivors are able to explain the cause of the accident. The Matsushima was the flagship in the battle of Yalu and carried 50 officers as well as cadets.

159 Have Perished.

Tokio, April 30.—Reports from Admiral Moshiamatsu regarding the sinking of the training cruiser state that 159 have perished. The accident is now believed to have occurred late Wednesday instead of this morning.

America Sorry.

Tokio, April 30.—A telegram expressing the sorrow of America over the accident to the Japanese training ship was received here today from Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry.

BASEBALL SCORES.

San Francisco, April 20.—Portland 4, San Francisco 2.

Tacoma, April 29.—Tacoma 6, Spokane 2.

Vancouver, April 29.—Vancouver 5, Butte 0.

Seattle, April 29.—Seattle 6, Aberdeen 4.

Los Angeles, April 29.—Los Angeles 3, Oakland 1.

American League.

At Detroit, Detroit 3, Chicago 6; at New York, Boston 5, New York 1; at Philadelphia, Washington 2, Philadelphia 3; at St. Louis, St. Louis 3, Cleveland 6.

National League.

At Boston, Boston 7, New York 6; at Brooklyn, Philadelphia 3, Brooklyn 1.

Country Girl Suicides.

Emmett, April 30.—Miss Meta Bailey, 19 years old, living on a ranch about two miles from this place committed suicide via the carbolic acid route last night.

The members of the family were all out doors except Miss Meta, who dressed herself carefully, then locked the door and took the acid. When the family found her she was unconscious. No cause for the deed is known. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family residence. Rev. McGruder will officiate.

Whitman Takes Position.

Mr. Walter C. Whitman, who graduated from the shorthand department of the Pendleton business college this spring, has accepted a position as private secretary to the warden of the penitentiary at Walla Walla.

Reports from Nome are to the effect that the spring cleanup of gold which will be shipped to Seattle will be upwards of \$3,000,000. The shipments will begin as soon as the boats get through the ice.

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE IN NEW YORK CITY.

New York, April 30.—Shouting to his wife, who was in the street below, that he was about to commit suicide, Meyer Glaffenburg jumped from the sixth-story of a tenement building and landed on his head at his wife's feet. He was instantly killed. Mrs. Glaffenburg was just starting for the synagogue. The man has been sick for some time and became discouraged.

TWENTY HEAD OF HORSES ARE ALREADY LISTED

Combine Harvester, Hack and Gang Plows in the Lot—Horses Include Heavy Draft Animals and Colts—Others Will Probably Be Listed Before Time for Sale Saturday.

Saturday will be market day again and another sale will be held at the fair pavilion along the same lines as past affairs.

According to Sam Blitner, manager of the sale, about 20 head of horses, consisting of drivers, draft animals and colts, will be offered for sale. Also one combine harvester, a hack and some gang plows will be auctioned off.

In addition to the above property other property will be listed for sale between now and Saturday.

FREE FOR ALL AT A CIRCUS

CLUBS, BRICKBATS AND FENCE RAILS ARE USED.

Fight Follows Insult at Hands of Show Man—Tent Is Demolished and Half Dozen Men Are Badly Bruised When Circus Employees and Citizens of the Town Mix in Fashion of Irish Wake.

Portland, April 30.—A special from Grant's Pass tells of a free-for-all fight between employees of Norris & Rowe's circus and a crowd of local men in which half a dozen men were bruised and cut, constables called out and a small tent demolished.

The fight started when one of the circus employees made a vulgar remark at a couple who were passing from the grounds.

Clubs, fence rails and bricks were used freely in the course of the battle.

Oldest Paper Quits.

Pekin, China, April 30.—The Pekin Gazette, the oldest newspaper in the world, issued today what will probably be its last number. It will be succeeded by the government Gazette, which will be larger and more modern in appearance and will be the official organ of the Chinese government. The Pekin Gazette was established in 1911 A. D. and had a wide circulation at a time when Anglo-Saxons were little more than barbarians and America was inhabited only by savages.

Editor's "Thirty."

Chicago, April 30.—L. H. Bickford, associate editor of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, died this morning of appendicitis.

Half Thousand Died.

New Orleans, April 30.—Practically complete reports from the tornado districts show that 502 were killed, and 2396 injured.

Moved Shearing Plant.

The Stanfield-Cunha sheep shearing plant which has been located at the Reator place near Echo for the past three weeks was moved to Nolin yesterday and will now be employed in shearing about 20,000 sheep at that place in the next three weeks. The Slusher sheep and a portion of the Cunningham Sheep and Land company's herds will be sheared at Nolin aside from a few small herds of that vicinity, after which the plant will be moved to Heppner to complete the spring's work. It employs 25 shearers and is able to shear about 2000 head per day of 10 hours.

Suit to Collect Note.

Suit has been started by the Pendleton abstract company, through Attorneys Raley, Richards & Raley, to collect \$2304 from Henry T. Hill. The amount is alleged to be due upon a note given by the defendant to the Savings bank which account was later transferred to the plaintiffs in the present suit. An attorney's fee of \$200 is also sued for.

Famous Stallion Dies.

The famous black stallion Rosenberg, owned by the Davenport Horse company at Davenport, Wash., died yesterday after a few days' illness. He was valued at \$5000 and no insurance was carried upon his life. He took first prizes at the Chicago horse show and at the St. Louis exposition and was one of the finest animals in the entire northwest.

LAND AGENTS TO GET TOGETHER

D. B. Costuma of This City Takes Lead in a New Booster Proposition.

CALLS A MEETING FOR COUNTY REAL ESTATE MEN.

Every Dealer in the County Invited to Meet With Fellows in This City next Thursday—Meeting Will Be Open and Property Owners Are Also Urged to Attend—Publicity Bureau Plan Will Be Pushed—More Interest Being Manifested in Pendleton Now Than at Richardson Meeting.

With the aim of uniting the real estate men of the county in a movement for the development of the county and especially the west end, D. B. Costuma, representative of the Columbia Land company, has issued a call for a meeting to be held here Thursday evening, May 7.

The object of the gathering proposed is set forth by Mr. Costuma in the following letter which he mailed to 25 Umatilla county realty men this morning:

Pendleton, Ore., April 30, 1908.

Dear Sir:—In conversation with several of the real estate men in the different parts of the county, it has been suggested that a meeting of the men interested in the development of Umatilla county for the purpose of outlining a campaign of publicity in conjunction with property owners and business men, would not only tend to a better understanding, but also materially aid all of us.

I believe that our interests are all closely enough allied to set aside any selfish consideration, and as your cooperation is needed to assure ultimate success, we earnestly request your presence at the Commercial club on Thursday evening, May 7.

I enclose herewith a list of the gentlemen who have been invited, and if there are any others in your section whom I have overlooked, will you kindly see to it that they are also present.

Yours truly,

D. B. COSTUMA.

Those Invited.

The following is the list of those to whom invitations were issued: D. C. Brownell, Umatilla; S. R. Oldaker, Hermiston; A. C. Crawford, Hermiston; Colonel H. G. Newport, Hermiston; Colonel J. F. McNaught, Hermiston; W. H. Skinner, Hermiston; L. W. Furnas, Hermiston; W. H. Daughtrey, Echo; R. N. Stanfield, Echo; Louis Scholl, Jr., Echo; J. F. Shelton, Echo; Asa B. Thomson, Echo; George Roberts, Pendleton; J. H. Gwynn, Pendleton; C. H. Bittner & Hayes, Pendleton; E. T. Wade, Pendleton; C. B. Adams, Pendleton; Lot Livermore, Pendleton; R. E. Tarbett, Pendleton; John F. Hill, Pendleton; James Johns, Pendleton; Clark Wood, Weston; A. S. Pearson, Freewater; R. H. Patton, Freewater; Ira Kemp, Athena, and N. A. Davis, Milton.

Want Publicity Work.

The prime object of the meeting of the real estate men will be to discuss the proposition of a publicity bureau or some other means of advertising the resources of the county. It is possible that the real estate men will combine forces and agree to contribute a fixed sum per month towards the maintenance of such a bureau.

According to Mr. Costuma the meeting that he has called will be made an open one and all local property owners and business men are invited to participate.

Publicity Idea Growing.

From the sentiments now expressed upon the streets by representative people it is plain that the idea of a publicity bureau for Pendleton is now much stronger than it was on the evening of Tom Richardson's recent meeting. It is freely declared that if a meeting were held now ample support would be forthcoming.

Thus far the soliciting committee, of which R. H. Wilcox is chairman, has done nothing more towards securing subscriptions. According to the committee they wish to let the subject "soak in" a little more and they say that at the opportune time the

list will be once more opened for signers.

FOR COAST DEFENSE.

Torpedo Boats and Destroyers to Hold Joint Maneuvers.

Washington, April 30.—An extensive system of maneuvers, in which destroyers, torpedo boats, submarines and other craft will take part, will be held during the coming month by the navy department. The object is to perfect a system of mobile defense for the Atlantic seaboard.

There will be between forty and fifty fighting craft in command of Commander Marsh. Practically all of the 33 torpedo boats available will be included, with six or seven submarines and two destroyers. Three submarines of the Viper class will be available, besides two of the Adder class, without counting the Octopus and the old Holland.

The feature of the mobilization will be the demonstration of the value of the submarine for coast defense purposes. The navy department contemplates materially increasing the utility of the submarines by providing each flotilla with what is termed a "mother ship." The gunboat Castine of 1,117 tons, will be used as "mother ship." The great advantage of the "mother ship" will be the movable base which it will provide the submarines, thereby increasing their radius of action in a very large degree.

Aside from the practical demonstration of this new idea the submarines will go through experiments in diving, in avoiding seagoing craft and in approaching and fleeing from the enemy.

The mobilization of the destroyers and the torpedo boats will be as complete as that of the submarines and will take place at the same time.

WOOL DEADLOCK.

Scouring Mills Will Not Reopen May First as Planned.

Because there is no wool on hand to scour, the scouring mill will not be started May 1, and the date for commencing operations is now said to be indefinite.

Owing to the deadlock that is now on between woolgrowers and sellers no wool whatever has been purchased by the scouring mill people. Nor has any of the new wool yet reached the city. The first wool sales day occurs in this city May 25 and there is a feeling that there will be little doing in the way of wool sales until that time.

JONATHAN FAILS TO GET CONTROL

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSES SECRETARY TAFT

Senator Bourne Loses His Grip by Harping on Second Elective Term for President Roosevelt—Delegation Will Probably Go to Chicago Instructed for the Big War Secretary.

Portland, Ore., April 30.—When the state central committee of the republican party adopted a resolution endorsing the Taft candidacy for nomination for president, Wednesday afternoon, it struck a fatal blow at the hopes of Senator Bourne to bring Oregon's delegations to the Chicago convention uninstructed.

That Bourne lost his grip on the state organization because of his persistent efforts to boom "a second elective term for Roosevelt" is the belief of republican leaders today.

Senator Fulton was warmly endorsed by the state central committee and recent attacks upon his career denounced as "untrue, unmanly and vicious."

W. M. Cake was elected chairman.

Wheat in Fine Condition.

Thomas Campbell, who has been at his wheat ranch in the north part of the county for the past two weeks, has just returned to his home in this city and says that practically all of the wheat in the north part of the county is in excellent condition. The recent winds did but little damage and the prospect for an immense crop is good. The ground is moist and wheat is growing rapidly notwithstanding the fact that no rain has fallen for many weeks.

INDIANS GO TO CAMP MEETING IN AUTOMOBILES

Tonight the Presbyterian evangelistic meetings to be held by the Indians upon the reservation will commence and many are now here from the different reservations of the northwest to attend the same.

The meetings are to be held in a large tent under the Presbyterian mission and this morning it was raised and made ready for use. The meeting tonight will be conducted by Rev. Mount Arthur and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Robert Par-

songs, Indian evangelist of Cottonwood, Idaho.

Autos for Visitors.

This evening a delegation of 30 or 40 native Christians will reach here from the Nez Perce reservation and they will be met at the train by the local Indians with autos which will convey the visitors to the camp meeting grounds.

A delegation of six is now here from the Yakima reservation and a crowd from the Warm Springs reservation is expected Friday or Saturday.

POLITICAL POT BEGINS TO BOIL

R. J. Slater Announces Candidacy for District Attorney as Democrat.

REPUBLICAN TO RUN ON DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Homer I. Watts Will Make the Race for County School Superintendent—Though a Registered Republican, His Name Was Written in by Democratic Friends at the Primaries—Heathman and Bentley Will Be Opposing Candidates for Constable—Nearly All Nominees Have Filed Their Acceptance.

With R. J. Slater as democratic candidate for district attorney and Homer I. Watts of Athena, as the minority candidate for school superintendent, the coming election now promises to be more a thing of life than has been previously supposed.

That he will consent to run for district attorney upon the democratic ticket was announced this morning by Mr. Slater. Ever since C. H. Carter declined to accept the nomination which was tendered him by the democrats at the recent primary friends of Mr. Slater have been urging him to make the race.

In order to get on the ticket as the democratic candidate at this late day it will be necessary for the democratic central committee to select Mr. Slater as that party's choice for the office or else a petition must be circulated. There is little doubt but that in view of Mr. Carter's declination the committee will endorse Mr. Slater and consequently he will be upon the ballot in opposition to District Attorney Phelps.

Watts Changed Mind.

Last evening Homer I. Watts' acceptance of the democratic nomination for school superintendent was received at the clerk's office and as a result his name will go on the ballot as that party's candidate for the office.

Shortly after the primary election Mr. Watts announced that he would not accept the nomination but his acceptance filed yesterday, indicates a change of heart upon the subject. For the recent primary he registered as a republican.

J. M. Heathman has accepted the republican nomination for constable for this precinct and J. M. Bentley has done the same by the democratic nomination.

All acceptances of nominations must be filed with the county clerk by tomorrow evening or the names of candidates will not go upon the ballot.

Practically all of the nominees have already filed their acceptances and the nominations made by the socialists have likewise been entered by the socialists chairman, G. A. Robbins.

Cannot Run As Democrat.

Under the direct primary law, as interpreted by County Clerk Saling, it will be impossible for Mr. Slater to become the democratic candidate for district attorney. The law specifies that should a party nominee die or leave the district the central committee may select another man to run, but for no other reason may a change be made in candidates.

A Suit to Quiet Title.

A suit to quiet title was begun in the circuit court today by Mrs. Coffee or Rattigan. The land in question is the vacant lots at the corner of College and Court streets. She alleges she furnished her husband with the money to buy the lots. The suit was filed by Attorney D. W. Bailey.

Railroad Prospects Good.

J. M. Mitchell of Joseph, who held a sub-contract on the O. R. & N. work in this county returned Wednesday night from Portland where he had a conference with the head officials of the road, says the Elgin Recorder. While they would give out nothing definite in regard to the work on the road, they promised him that the old contractors on the road should have the work as soon as the work will be resumed this summer.