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## Large Sum to Navy.

London, Feb. 24.—The British naval estimate for 1904-05 totals \$184,445,000, a net increase of \$12,160,000 over the estimate for 1903-04. More than half the increase in the estimates is due to the determination to pay the entire balance due on the recently purchased Chilean battleships on April 1, and to provide them with ammunition for the next year. The remainder of the increase arises from expansion of the fleet, increase in pay of the personnel and material.

The estimates provide for a total of \$58,270,880 for new construction, of which \$3,210,415 will be devoted to the commencement of new ships. The Admiralty will devote \$9,060,000 to the purchase of armor during the coming year, and says it now has no difficulty in securing an adequate supply of the quality desired.

Satisfactory progress has been made in the experiments with oil fuel, and three oil funnels have been converted into tank ships for the storing of oil in home ports.

Extensive provision is being made to furnish oil afloat. The construction will be begun during the present year of two battleships, four armed cruisers, ten submarine vessels and four torpedo-boat destroyers.

In submitting the estimates, the Earl of Selbourne, First Lord of the Admiralty, said the Admiralty was aware the estimates were large, but Parliament must remember how great is the responsibility cast upon the Board of Admiralty in providing the country with a navy strong enough to sustain a struggle with the navies of any two powers, and to insure reasonable security for the country's vast sea-borne trade and the food supply of the people.

## WHICH ONE DIED FIRST.

### Victims of Heppner Flood Left Insurance Money.

Portland, February 27.—In the dread flood that devastated the town of Heppner, June 14, 1903, Harry and Emma Hanby, man and wife, were swallowed in the vortex, as far as any one knows, at the same instant, but to determine which of the two died first is the vexed question that now devolves upon the state circuit court.

This is rendered necessary by a bill of interpleader today filed by the Modern Woodmen of America, in whose branch camp Juniper, No. 7516, Harry Hanby was a member when the flood occurred.

Suit was begun several months ago by Ernest Vose, administrator of the estate of Emma Hanby, to recover \$3000, the amount of Harry Hanby's certificate of life insurance. The suit grew out of the fact that the heirs of Hanby demanded the money. The Modern Woodmen of America refused to pay either until the case had been settled between the claimants, and then followed the administrator's suit.

The courts must decide which of the

two died first in order to determine whether the beneficiary of the certificate or the heirs at law of the insured man are entitled to the amount of the insurance. The heirs of Harry Hanby are Mrs. Anna Stewart, Mrs. Nellie P. Borch, Sadie Thomas, Ross Thomas and Jessie E., Lydia, Nellie and Wille Kirk, the latter six minors.

The Woodmen in this bill claim that they have never denied liability and are willing to pay the amount of the insurance, but will not do so until the claimants have appeared and pleaded their claims and given the court an opportunity to decide who shall have it.

## ACCUSED OF DYNAMITING.

### Arrests For Outrage on Long Creek Newspaper.

Canyon City, Or., Feb. 26.—Two men have been arrested on suspicion of complicity in the blowing up of the office of the Long Creek Ranger on February 7. They are W. O. Harriman, editor of the Long Creek Light, and W. B. Mynatt, a barber at Long Creek. The charges against Harriman are both under state and federal law, one being destruction of property and the other being violence to a United States Commissioner's office. The other prisoner is charged with sending a threatening letter through the mail. His arrest was made under state law, but the postoffice department is investigating the case, and a federal charge may be made.

The investigation was begun a week ago by Officer B. S. Selvage, of the National Detective Agency at Portland, and has progressed so far that other arrests will follow, rumor connecting many prominent persons with the crime.

Dr. Henry W. Coe, of Portland, is assisting his brother, Charles A. Coe, editor of the Ranger, and a reward aggregating \$750 has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the dynamiters.

## Cuts Out Special Agent.

The Dalles, Feb. 24.—The Register and Receiver of The Dalles Land Office and the Special Agent assigned to that land district have received circular instructions from the General Land Office directing that a change be made in the cross examination of timber land claimants making final proof. During the past year the cross examination in all final proofs on timber claims has been conducted by the Special Agent. The new instructions require the officers before whom final proof is made to make the cross-examination on the regular blanks provided by the Interior Department for that purpose. If a timber-land claimant proves up before the Register and Receiver, those officers will necessarily have to attend to the cross-examination. In cases where the final proof is offered before a United States Commissioner or Clerk of Court, that officer will in future cross-examine the claimant and his witnesses and reduce the testimony to writing, to be submitted with the final proof papers.

## Tornado in Portland.

Portland, Feb. 26.—A small tornado accompanied the hailstorm which began at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

Injured in the cyclone were Amos Seybold, T. H. Starbuck and Mrs. Sheen.

Houses blown down are those of T. H. Starbuck, Messrs. Haleck, Edward Sheen, Schoner, E. A. Fearing, C. H. Thompson, J. E. Thomas and C. W. Davis.

The residence of the Starbuck family was picked up bodily by the force of the storm and dropped down, a mass of ruins. Mr. Starbuck was in the bath room, putting up a shelf. The wind whirled him around like a top and then slammed him to the floor, severely cutting his wrist. The roof came down, and would have crushed out his life, but for a heavy iron bath tub, which kept it from touching the floor.

Secretary Hitchcock, of the interior department, has asked for an appropriation of \$10,000 to be used running down those who sell liquor to the Indians.

## FINDS ALL GUILTY.

### Jury Decides the Famous Postal-Fraud Case.

Washington, Feb. 26.—"Guilty as indicted" was the verdict announced by the jury in the postoffice conspiracy trial, shortly after 8 o'clock tonight, stating at the same time that this was the verdict as to all four defendants. August W. Machen, ex-general superintendent of the rural free delivery division; George F. Lorenz, of Toledo; Samuel A. Groff and Diller B. Groff, of Washington. The jury had been out nine hours.

In the dimly lighted room sat the four defendants, who, after the case was given to the jury, had been placed in the custody of a United States Marshal and confined to the limits of the city hall. Each wore an anxious look, and a death-like silence fell on the small crowd which had been permitted to enter the room as the clerk inquired of the foreman if a verdict had been reached. The jury to a man rose, and as the words "Guilty as indicted" fell from the foreman's lips defendants and their counsel seemed appalled.

During the time the jury was out the four defendants paced up and down the hallway outside the courtroom and gave expressions to the belief that each hour the jury spent in discussing the case brought them nearer to acquittal. There was general astonishment that the jury had included in the conviction Samuel A. Groff, a Washington policeman, and inventor of the Groff fastener, as to whom Holmes Conrad, special counsel for the government, yesterday informed the jury he did not expect a conviction, and personally he did not believe in his guilt.

Five ballots in all were taken. On the first ballot the vote stood seven to five for conviction; on the fifth ballot the vote was unanimous.

Immediately after the verdict was rendered, Charles Douglass, in behalf of all four defendants, filed motions for a new trial, for an arrest of judgment, and for an appeal, for the purpose of having the defendants admitted to bail. Bail was then fixed at \$20,000 each, the bond of Lorenz and the two Groffs being increased from \$10,000.

## Dead at the Age of 129.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Sophia Gab, whose birth antedated the Revolutionary War, if her assertions were correct, and who was supposed to have been the oldest woman in Chicago, is dead at the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People. She was 129 years old. According to the aged woman's statements, she was born in Virginia in 1775, before the Declaration of Independence. She lived on the plantation where she was born until freed by the proclamation of President Lincoln.

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Scores of costly fire extinguishers and hundreds of fire buckets are picked up and destroyed every year by the agents of the insurance patrol. They are all rendered worthless by neglect. Acids which enter into the formulae of most patent extinguishers eat away the tin coverings, and there is nothing to be done except to destroy the apparatus, because it becomes a peril in itself. The water buckets, which should be emptied and refilled at least once a week, simply rust out and become useless.—Philadelphia Press.

## Wealth in England.

In the United Kingdom 37,500,000 people out of 40,000,000 receive less than \$60 a month for each family; 1,000,000 are in daily receipt of poor law relief; 8,000,000 have only a week's wages between them and starvation; 500 hereditary peers own one-fourth of England, and they and their dependents spend every year \$1,850,000,000.

W. H. Hamman, manager of the American Security Company, at Boston, has been arrested charged with embezzling \$109,000.

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