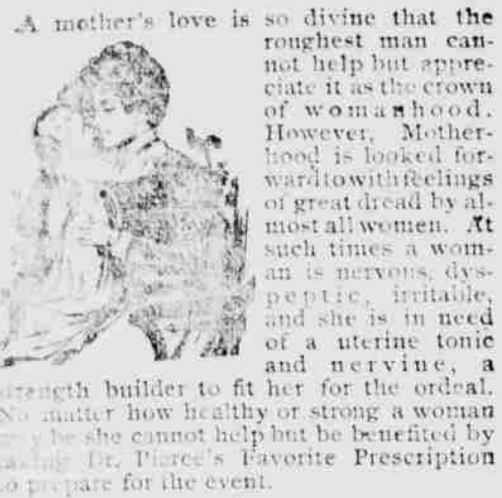


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Four Ships Disabled.

Chefoo, June 9.—A Chinese formerly employed in the machine shops at Port Arthur, who arrived here today, says that only five of the nine largest Russian ships at Port Arthur are capable of going to sea, and that steam is kept up on but three of the five sound vessels. All the guns from the damaged ships have been removed to the forts, and the sailors from these ships have gone with the troops. The Russian warships which formerly were painted black, are now painted gray, as are the vessels of the Japanese fleet. Russian torpedo-boats leave the harbor occasionally for half an hour, but the larger warships cannot get through the entrance.

The Russians are refusing permission to skilled workmen to leave Port Arthur and many are escaping. Little work is being done in the machine shops because of the confusion among the workmen each time firing is heard. One shell recently wrecked a machine shop building but did no damage to the machinery. Another shell wrecked the offices in the dockyard.

Three hundred and fifty mines have been laid in the roadstead, and many others have been placed around the ships in the naval basin. Some of the latter were exploded last week by lightning, but no damage was done.

The Chinese who have come out of Port Arthur complain of the treatment accorded them by the Russian soldiers, declaring they were maltreated if they did not supply the soldiers with money and liquor. Villagers in the vicinity of Port Arthur are compelled to supply the soldiers with rice, and Russian horses are turned loose in their wheat fields, destroying the crops.

Japanese spies who entered Port Arthur last week distributed notices assuring the Chinese of liberal treatment in case the Japanese were victorious.

Went Into Jaws of Death.

Tokio, June 9.—Wounded officers who have returned to Japan from the Liao Tung Peninsula give interesting details of the battle of Nan Shan Hill. After the first attack on the hill the Japanese scouts discovered that there were some mines at some spot at the foot of the hill. It was determined that they could only be definitely located by the sacrifice of some men. Hundreds volunteered to go what appeared to be certain death. They led the second advance, and found that heavy rains had washed away the covering of earth and had exposed the mines. Engineers cut the connecting wires, rendering the mines useless, and sustained no loss. The volunteers were

nearly all killed in the subsequent ineffectual attack on the hill.

The Osaka men, from the right wing, while advancing through the water along the shore, encountered a body of Russians, also in the water. A fierce fight ensued. Both sides were waist-deep in the sea. When the Russians finally retreated the water was literally crimson. Both sides lost heavily.

During the day the Russians used several war balloons well out of range. In the trenches, after they had been captured, were found many articles of clothing belonging to women and children, making it evident that the Russians intended their defenses to be permanent.

Three-Cornered Fight.

Salem, Or., June 9.—Now that the membership of the Oregon Legislature has been determined, the subject of organization has been broached and probable candidates for the presiding offices are being discussed.

It is known that Senator Brownell, of Clackamas County, desires to succeed himself as President of the Senate, and he has not hesitated to let those interested know of his candidacy. Changes in the membership of the Senate and new candidates in the field will make the contest entirely different from what it was two years ago and probably no less interesting. Senator Kuykendall, of Lane, will be a candidate for the Presidency and will take much of the strength Brownell had in 1903. Kuykendall was a Brownell supporter two years ago, as also was his associate, S. A. Booth, who is now counted as a supporter of Kuykendall. It is said in political circles that Senator May, of Multnomah, will be a candidate, and if he gets into the race with the backing of the Multnomah delegation, the three-cornered contest will have added interest.

T. B. Kay, of Marion County, is very frequently mentioned as a candidate for the Speakership of the House. He is one of the few members of the last House who were re-elected. He has been urged to become a candidate and has been assured of the united support of his own delegation, and it is very probable that he will enter the race. There has been some talk, also, of W. I. Vawter, of Jackson County, as a probable candidate for the Speakership, but it is not known whether he has any ambitions in that direction.

Up To Taffel.

Because part of the land owned by L. H. Taffel on the route of the Celilo Canal is below high-water mark, according to an opinion rendered recently by the Attorney-General of the United States, the land can be condemned and taken without paying one cent for it. Mr. Taffel's refusal to sell for the price offered him by the State of Oregon may result in the seizure of the land, anyway, unless he finally accepts the state's offer.

Attorney-General Knox has held that in a case where the Government Engineers wish, in the improvement of navigation, to make use of land which lies between high and low-water mark, they can do so without compensation to the riparian owner. The case in which he rendered this opinion was in Pennsylvania, where riparian owners on the Monongahela River had attempted extortion from the Government. According to the laws of Pennsylvania, the ownership of riparian lands extends unqualifiedly to high-water marks, but is qualified in the intermediary distance between the high and low water marks. In that case the engineers have, according to the Attorney-General's opinion, a right to use the property in the improvement of navigation and pay the owner nothing for it.

Seventeen applicants for admission to the bar were admitted to practice at a session of the supreme court at Salem Wednesday.

Eighty-two delegates are in attendance at the 19th annual convention of the Oregon Sunday School Association now in session in Portland.

POLICEMAN AND HIS CLUB.

Used It Too Vigorously—After Being Reprimanded Did Not Use It Enough.

Apropos of Mr. Jerome's Chicago speech in which he advocated strenuous treatment of thugs by the police, said Lawyer Frank Moss, according to the New York Times, "when I was a police commissioner I had a little experience of the philosophy of the club versus moral suasion.

"One day a fine young policeman, of but a few months' standing on the force, was brought before me charged with brutally clubbing a prisoner. He was perfectly frank in admitting that he had administered the beating. 'Sure I was beating into his hide the consciousness of his crime,' he commented defensively.

"Of course I advised the exercise of more gentleness in the future and dismissed the youth with a reprimand. I had completely forgotten the incident until three months later, when the same young policeman was presented again, this time charged with allowing a prisoner to escape. In his defense he exclaimed:

"It's all because I didn't give him the stick. I was going to remind him of his sins with a few taps, when I remembered what you said to me, Mr. Commissioner. Then I grabs him firmly but gently and starts to lead him off. While walking along I began to talk to him about his crime and the consequences. I got so eloquent and pleased with my flow of words that I loosened my grip, when he broke away, hit me behind the ear, and knocked me into an area way."

"Here was a stickler that I reserved for several days to meditate over."

NOISE OF A MOVING TRAIN.

Locomotive Engineers Are Not Disturbed by the Rattle of Cars Over the Rails.

The locomotive engineer was talking about his run, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. He maintained that, with the roar and rumble of the engine directly beneath him and of the train thundering behind, he had no trouble in hearing what his fireman on the other side of the cab said to him, and the fireman could understand and answer. The noise of the train seems to be something extra, according to him, to which he has become so accustomed that it does not interfere in any way with his ordinary faculties. It appeared, from his remarks, to be like a dull clatter of numerous typewriters in a big office, which never interferes with speech or thought once a person has become accustomed to the noise. He asserted that he knew of engineers who had become stone deaf when they were not in the cab, and their friends had to yell to them to make themselves understood. But as soon as the veterans stepped into the engine and got the rattle of the train in their ears they could hear the ordinary conversational voice, despite the thunder of the machinery and the wheels. As soon as the train stopped they were deaf again for that interval, only to be right as soon as the pandemonium of the wheels shook up their aural openings.

QUEER CHURCH ORNAMENTS

Scythe Placed in House of Worship to Commemorate Peasants' Defense of Their Faith.

At first sight the scythe is a strange ornament for a church, but there is nothing incongruous in these curious agricultural implements as seen in the parish church of St. Mary's, at Horncastle, in Lincolnshire, says the Christian Age.

Thirteen of these blades are nailed above the door in the north chapel. At one time the blades numbered 40 or 50, but owing to rust and decay many of them have been lost. Each of the scythes is about a yard in length.

The general belief is that these blades were placed in the church in commemoration of the zeal of peasants who wielded them in defense of their faith in the rebellion known as "The Pilgrimage of Grace," which had its rise at Louth in 1536. When the people saw the ruins of their churches and abbeys, they rose in revolt, and arming themselves with the instruments of husbandry, such as scythes, they went forth to encounter the enemy. They were beaten and dispersed, but in the eyes of their countrymen they were heroes, and the rude implements with which they fought were deemed worthy of an abiding place in the old church where the peasants had worshipped.

A Macedonian Amazon.

Katarina Arnautova, a Macedonian woman, has participated in a great deal of fighting during the insurrection against Turkey. A correspondent describes her as about 26 years of age, of middle height, well set up and strong looking, with blue eyes and brown hair, which she wears long, but done up under her black fur cap. She wore also a gray tunic of a military cut and metal buttons, a leather belt, gray trousers, and leggings of a dull, violet-colored wool. A whistle for giving signals was attached to her watch chain, and in her pocket she had some poison wrapped up in paper, in case she should fall into the hands of the Turks. She said she had been in six important engagements and others of less importance, was a good shot, and knew of five Turks that had fallen before her rifle.

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Montana socialists have nominated a full state ticket.

The recent census of Salem gives that city, including suburbs, a population of 13,287.

The recent conference of the Methodist church at Los Angeles, cost the church \$100,000.

Dr. William H. Saylor, a pioneer physician of Portland, died Wednesday of heart failure.

The city council of Chehalis, Wash., has imposed a license of \$500 a year on drug stores selling whiskey.

L. M. Legg, who shot and killed Halsted in Baker City last Friday, has been held for murder in the first degree.

J. W. Barke, a laborer on the Lewis and Clark fair grounds, was killed by a street car in Portland Tuesday night.