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VIGOROUS MEASURES.

HOW THE COMPETITOR PRISONERS' LIVES WERE SAVED.

Consul-General's Prompt Action.

Threatened to Resign Unless the Americans Were Shot-Proceedings Suspended by Orders From Madrid.

New York, May 20.—A Herald special from Havana says: The action of Consul-General Williams, in protesting against the methods of the trial of the prisoners of the schooner Competitor, made by the Spanish authorities, is worth more than a passing mention.

Before the court-martial closed, Consul-General Williams' letter of protest was read. The representative of the United States quoted the treaties existing between the United States and Spain, and doubted the right of the latter to try American citizens and others sailing under the American flag, by other than civil law, adding that in the letter they must be judged by ordinary and not by military and naval courts, and be permitted to employ legal counsel and present witnesses in evidence.

A note by the judge advocate-general, which had also been endorsed by Admiral Navarro, the highest naval officer of Spain in Cuba, ruling Consul-General Williams' protest as without ground and out of order, was also read and noted.

Within four hours after the court-martial closed its session, a special telegram in the afternoon, its members sent to Admiral Navarro a sealed verdict, which was immediately approved by the naval chief. The sentences of all five prisoners to death, in accordance with the verdict, was signed at once, and preparations made to have the men shot.

Receiving no satisfactory response from the admiral, nor even an invitation to attend the proceedings, neither Consul-General Williams nor any attaché of his office was present at the court-martial, nor was he allowed to see the prisoners until after the trial had closed. Naturally he laid the whole case before the state department at Washington early, and received instructions as prompt as energetic.

When these arrived, he went immediately to the palace, where a stormy interview with Captain-General Weyler occurred. The general told the consul-general that if the men had been convicted, as the latter supposed, they would most certainly be shot at sunrise the following morning, despite any protest the United States might make.

"If you shoot them," said Mr. Williams, "my government instructs me to close its consulate here and demand my assets, and I shall most certainly hold you and your government responsible should these prisoners be executed before our protest be given due consideration."

When Mr. Williams presented himself to the admiral, he was told to go back to his office. The statement that followed at the palace was indescribable.

The judges of the civil tribunal and the chairman of the leading conservative party and the managing director of the Spanish bank were called and a consultation began. The majority of these persons advised the authorities to suspend the execution, pending further instructions from Madrid.

General Weyler said that if the men were not executed he would resign. He so telegraphed the Spanish ministry, it is reported.

In the meantime it appears the United States was, through Minister Taylor, bringing pressure to bear also at Madrid. Orders came from Spain to suspend all proceedings and directing the consul-general to transmit all documents in the case to Madrid for consideration there by the supreme military and naval council and cabinet. Consul-General Williams had won. The transfer of the case to Madrid will give the prisoners at least a month or six weeks' respite.

Fatal Runaway Accident.

Franklin, Ind., May 20.—Last night Councilman Frank Crowell left his rig in front of his residence, intending to take his mother, who was in the rig, together with his wife and child, to her own home.

During his absence, the horses took fright and ran away. The elder Mrs. Crowell and the 6-year-old boy were thrown out, but Mrs. Crowell the younger and her baby remained in the rig until water street was reached, where the rig struck a pole, and they were thrown out on the brick pavement, the child being killed instantly.

Mrs. Crowell was dangerously hurt. The elder Mrs. Crowell is hurt internally and her recovery not probable. The boy was internally hurt.

The Yawl Captured.

Oakland, Cal., May 20.—The big yawl of the Von Schmidt dredger, with four men on board, capsized in Oakland creek yesterday during the progress of the races of the California Yacht Club. One man was picked up by the steamer Alameda and one man aged to swim ashore and two are missing. One of them is S. H. Von Schmidt, cousin of the owner of the dredger, and the other is a sailor.

ALLOWED TO TAKE SEALS.

Permit Given to the North American Commercial Company.

Washington, May 18.—The secretary of the treasury has instructed J. B. Crowley, the agent of the seal islands, that he may permit the North American Commercial Company to take male seal skins the coming season to the number of 30,000, if in his judgment that number may be taken and still leave sufficient number to fertilize the females which may come to the rookeries.

Last year the company was allowed to take only 15,000 skins, but because the seals are so numerous, and are so easily taken, the company is allowed to take 30,000 this year.

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THIS TIME IN KANSAS.

A Terrible Cyclone Swept Through the State.

Seneca, Kan., May 19.—A devastating tornado passed through this city from the southwest to northeast this evening, at 6 o'clock. Everything in its path was completely wrecked. The country reports great damage to property and probable loss of life. In this city, four were killed and a number injured. The killed are a boy and a girl of M. R. Connell, a boy of M. E. Voorhes, and the 16-year-old boy of Peter Assemacher's. The seriously injured are: M. E. Voorhes, John Belshaw and Alonzo H. Hawley. The latter will not recover. There were many miraculous escapes from death.

The streets are impassable, blocked with debris of buildings and fallen trees, the opera-house is completely demolished. The roof and the west side of the \$50,000 courthouse was blown down, and the roof of the high school is gone. The steeples of the Methodist, Universalist and Catholic churches were scattered to the four winds. Twenty-five residences were razed to the ground, and buildings innumerable unroofed.

Three children of James Sherrard were also killed. The west half of the village of Bayleville was swept away, but none were killed there. The damage in this city is over \$200,000.

FIGHTING FOREST FIRES.

Hundreds of Men Battling With Burning Timber in West Virginia.

Davis, W. Va., May 19.—All day long, hundreds of men, from all sections, have been bravely but ineffectually fighting the forest fires which at 7 o'clock tonight, after continuing forty-eight hours, are, if possible, burning more fiercely than ever. Lumbermen, who this morning estimated the loss at \$50,000, now state that the amount has been extended, and are unwilling to make further predictions of the loss.

The middle fork tract is completely wiped out, and the adjoining forest is now burning. The weather is still dry, the high, shifting winds continue and the air is stifling with smoke and heat. The Italians here are tonight arranging their homes to take refuge in the larger towns. As the fire started in several places at the same time from no known cause, it is now thought to have been the work of incendiaries, who were prompted by the fact that the new owners, as far as known, no lumbermen or other citizens have been caught in the forests.

BASEBALLISTS ATTACKED.

Revengeful Italians Cause a Riot in a Pennsylvania Town.

Hazleton, Pa., May 19.—Six persons were shot and a number of others seriously injured during a riot at Macadoo, a town four miles from here, this afternoon. A game of baseball was in progress, and the Italians charged upon the spectators with revolvers, clubs and stones. Last night, an Italian had been arrested for assault and battery. A number of young men took him from the constable and unmercifully beat him. The Italian league of this town threatened revenge. They fulfilled their threats today.

The first inning had just been finished when there was a pistol shot. It was followed in a few minutes by a promiscuous discharge of firearms. The crowd attempted to run away, but the Italians chased them, discharging their pistols and throwing stones. The foreigners were mad with rage and blazed away incessantly until the police arrived. Several of the Italians were arrested and more will be taken into custody tomorrow.

MORE TROUBLE FOR SPAIN.

That Country's Wheat Crop Promises to Be a Total Failure.

Washington, May 19.—Coming immediately upon the severe drain of resources caused by the Cuban rebellion, the Spanish government is now to face the prospect of an almost total loss of the wheat crop, caused by drought and insects. United States Consul Burke, at Malaga, writes to the state department that a new insect pest, as destructive to wheat as the phylloxera is to the grape, has been discovered in several provinces, while, owing to a severe drought, not only will the entire wheat crop be a total failure, but there will be a shortage of every other crop of grain. The poor are suffering much, and, unless the rains come, the crops will be a total loss and great suffering and want will prevail throughout the whole country. Efforts will be made to have the government reduce or remove the import grain duties, as heavy imports must be made during the current year.

JACKSON IS GUILTY.

The Murderer of Pearl Bryan Given the Death Penalty.

Newport, Ky., May 18.—Scott Jackson's case went to the jury at 10 o'clock this morning. At 12:05 P. M. the jury returned a dead death stillness. The foreman handed the verdict to the clerk, who read as follows: "We, the jury, find the defendant, Scott Jackson, guilty of murder in the first degree, and fix the penalty at death."

The judge had previously announced that no demonstration by the spectators would be permitted. Consequently the verdict was heard with silence, but immediately upon the adjournment of the court the spectators rushed to the jail and shook hands with them heartily. Jackson showed no feeling except in the ashen paleness of his face. The father and brother of Pearl Bryan were present. The usual motion for a new trial was made and Jackson was taken away to jail.

A Dog Affected With Rabies.

Wichita, Kan., May 18.—The decision made by the council of Wichita physicians, that a dog that bit several people here last week was affected with rabies, has caused widespread consternation. Dogs are being shot by the wholesale, and several of the victims of the affected dogs will immediately go to Chicago to take the Pasteur treatment. None of the people bitten by the dog have developed symptoms of hydrophobia, however.

THE PACIFIC STATES.

INTERESTING NEWS NOTES FROM VARIOUS PLACES.

The Great Northwest Furnishes Some News of More Than General Interest—Development and Progress in All Industries—Oregon.

William Hunter, an old Linn county pioneer, died at Brownsville last week, at the age of 85.

The La Grande Bicycling Club has decided to build a bicycle track, one-third of a mile in length, to cost \$500.

J. Comie, of Newburg, has sent East for a quantity of peppermint roots, and will experiment with the peppermint plant in Oregon soil.

The contract for building the First Presbyterian church, in Brownsville, has been awarded to Glass & Cox, of that city, for \$1,424.

Maryland county shepherds found a dead lamb, few days ago that had two bodies, eight legs, one head and three eyes, says the Canyon City News.

Some of the papers in Coos county are quite positive arrangements have been made that will insure the establishment of a beet-sugar factory in that county.

Eight fallow horses will be taken to Hesperia to contest for the purses being hung up by the speed association of that place during the racing season, which begins on the 26th.

Indications are that no jury will be impeached at this term of court in Grant county to try criminal cases, the jury docket being such that the court will pass upon most of the cases.

The report of the treasurer of The Dalles shows a total cash balance on hand of \$5,729.55. Of this amount \$2,233.55 was received during the month, principally from city taxes.

As the Coberg train on the Natron branch passed Wilkins one night last week, just at dusk, it received a lively shaking up, and was nearly thrown from the track. The cause was the filling of the split switch at that point with rocks, undoubtedly with the intention of causing a wreck.

A larger body of ore is in sight in the Virgie mine today than ever before in the history of that now famous property. In fact they have opened up a new vein, and are now working the property of the mill. A number of men have been laid off in consequence. It is said that two men can break down as much ore in a day as ten men could formerly.

Oregon has several mining exchanges, the latest being organized in Yamhill county for the current year. These institutions are not incorporated for the purpose of selling shares in companies, but for the purpose of dispensing general mining information by reports and maps, and in advertising the mineral wealth of the state. The needs of this kind of work are becoming more and more apparent.

Sheriff Henderson's tax collections in Yamhill county for the current year foot up \$1,807.15, or about one-third of the total tax. This will pay all state debts and enable the county to make a call on warrants. The Southern Pacific Railroad Company last week paid tax in Yamhill county amounting to \$3,738.80 to the state treasurer, it being the last installment of the 1895 state tax.

A complaint has been made out charging Mrs. May, of the Tillamook academy, with assault in having too severely punished some of the girls at the academy. Of this case the Tillamook court has just rendered a verdict. The court found Mrs. May guilty of assault, but the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

The sale of the Yellow Jacket mine has been consummated in New York. The price stated is \$1,000,000 cash. The former owners still retain a large interest in the property. The property consists of thirty-six mining claims, three mill sites and in all 800 acres. A town site has been placed out on the placer claims. Government patents covering the entire property have recently been issued.

The old Nicola mining camp which has lain comparatively idle for the past seven years, will make quite a respectable output of ore. The original Viola mine, owing to its being in litigation, will probably remain idle, but there are other mines in that vicinity which have produced sufficient ore during the past winter to justify the letting of contracts to freight the output to Dubois, where it will be shipped to Denver.

Montana.

It is more likely that Butte will be honored by a visit of the mining class of the Columbian School of Mines of New York some time in June.

Several shipments of ore from the Homestead have been made to the Colorado smelter the past week. The shaft on this property will be sunk an additional 100 feet.

The Western Mine Enterprise Company, of Butte, are overhauling and making extensive repairs in the old mill at Bannock. The mill will be started up just as soon as in condition and will be run on ores from the company's properties in that district.

There is a movement on foot to build a smelter in Phillipsburg and the citizens of that community are in a fair way of realizing their fondest hopes. It has long been known to the mining fraternity that no district in the West offers better inducements for a plant of this kind and it only awaits the negotiations now pending between the citizens and Butte capitalists.

The Auburn Argus says it is safe to say that not one-quarter of the hog acreage will be cultivated this year in the Green river district, as compared with former years.

Mrs. Dulcinea Ridgeway died in

PRIDE OF THE PACIFIC.

BATTLESHIP OREGON'S TRIAL WAS SUCCESSFUL.

Made a Magnificent Average Speed of 16.78 Knots—Beat the Massachusetts Record—\$175,000 Premium Given to the Builders.

Santa Barbara, Cal., May 18.—In her official trip today, the battleship Oregon covered 62 knots, official government course, in three hours forty minutes and forty-eight seconds, making the magnificent average speed for the time over the course of 16.78 knots, or 19.35 miles in an hour.

This speed places her in the very front rank of ships of her class in the navy of the world, beating the Massachusetts, the pride of the Cramps, which had a record of 16.15 knots, and the Indiana, with a record of 15.61 knots.

The contract of the Union iron works with the government calls for \$25,000 for every quarter of a knot above 15, and by her great performance today the Oregon has earned for her builders a premium of \$175,000.

Her anchor was weighed at 5:30 A. M., a swell was running and she took a preliminary run to warm up her engines. The manner in which the machinery worked was satisfactory as the speed developed, and it continued running better all the time.

The big battleship started over the line, the Unadilla acting as stakeboat, at 8:11 A. M., and reached Point Conception at 10 o'clock, making an average speed of 17.09 knots. Fifteen minutes and four seconds were consumed in turning, and an average of 16.49 knots was made on the return run. She crossed the finish line at 11:54. The average run both ways was 16.78 knots, with a maximum for six miles of 17.34 knots