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ROSEBURG FIRE

Destroys J F Barker's House

Roseburg, April 22—Fire destroyed the residence of J. F. Barker in this city this afternoon. Loss about \$3500. Firemen succeeded in checking the flames and no other property was burned. The fire was on the West side of the river.

TROUBLE BREWING AGAIN

Washington, April 22—A dispatch from Minister Powell says Monte Cristo and San Domingo are being threatened by the gunboat Independence, and requests the presence of a United States warship to protect American interests immediately.

MANNING DEFEATS ALERT

San Diego, April 22—The crew of the Revenue Cutter Manning defeated the crew of the training ship Alert by two and a half minutes in the gig race today. Fully \$20,000 changed hands among the six warships here. One sailor won \$1,000.

OFFERED TO SELL HIS BABY

Actor Jack Mason Under Arrest

San Francisco, April 22—Hazel Williams made a sensation by the statement in court this morning that Jack Mason, the actor, offered to sell her his two weeks old baby for ten dollars.

Miss Williams said she was passing and heard a cry from a baby in a cab. She asked Mason about it and he said he would sell the baby. She did not want it, but went with him to place the child on the steps of a foundling hospital. Afterward she took the child to the receiving hospital.

Mason has been arrested.

BRAVE CAPTAIN APFELD

Saves His Ship And Passengers

Liverpool, April 23—The American liner Friesland arrived today from Philadelphia. She had a narrow escape from disaster on the voyage.

When three days out, the highly inflammable cargo caught fire. Captain Apfeld, unaccompanied, swung himself into the hold, amid blinding smoke, then called for volunteers. The officers and crew responded.

After 40 minutes of hard work the fire was extinguished. The passengers knew nothing of danger until the flames had been subdued.

TYNER FIRED BODILY

Queer Performance by His Wife

Stole Incriminating Papers

Washington, April 23—Postmaster General Payne, late this afternoon, made public a letter sent yesterday to James Tyner, assistant attorney general of the postoffice department. Tyner's resignation was requested in March, following the charges that Tyner had failed to regulate abuses in the office.

The letter says that Tyner's wife, accompanied by Mrs. Barrett, her sister whose son's conduct while assistant in the office is now under investigation, and a safe expert entered the office of the assistant attorney general last night, opened the safe in the room and took therefrom all papers, records and articles of every kind, and carried them away.

Immediately upon learning of the affair the inspectors sent to Tyner's home a demand for everything taken. Mrs. Tyner not only refused the request but said the act had been done with Tyner's knowledge.

Payne says that further comment on his part is unnecessary, and he will submit the facts to the attorney general for such action as he may deem proper.

Tyner and Barrett, it will be remembered, have been under fire on account of alleged protection given to get-rich-quick concerns.

HEAVY BRITISH LOSS

In Engagement With Somali Natives

COLONEL PLUNKETT KILLED AND HIS FORCE ANNIHILATED

After Ammunition is Exhausted the British are Butchered by an Overwhelming Force

London, April 23—An Aden dispatch says that a skirmish with heavy casualties occurred at Navildo, 40 miles from Salido, Somaliland, between the British forces and natives. The British loss is placed at 200 men and 10 officers killed. The Somalis' loss is unknown. The war office has confirmed the report.

The fight occurred April 17th. The enemy attacked a small reconnoitering party, and 200 natives with two maxims under Colonel Plunkett, were sent out to reinforce them. They encountered an overwhelming force of the enemy, consisting of cavalry and infantry.

CLOUD IN THE EAST

Russia Wants Province of Manchuria

Other Powers Inclined to Protest

London, April 24—Following closely announced demands of Russia on China regarding Manchuria, and the rushing of three Japanese war ships to Nin Chwang comes the announcement this morning that the admiralty will shortly strengthen the British fleet in Chinese waters. In government circles this move is ascribed to the fact that the alliance with Japan, made to block Russian aspirations in the far East, is not giving the East the ease expected. In many quarters the move seems to have a more serious import, and the situation is regarded as critical.

MINERS RETURN TO WORK

Shorter Working Day is the Rule

Mahoney City, Pa., April 23—Fifteen thousand locked out mine workers in the Mahoney and Shenandoah valleys today voted to accept the pending arbitration with the Reading company's interpretations of Saturday. A short work day is the rule. As a result all collieries will resume work tomorrow.

MAYOR J. S. COKE RESIGNS

Business Reasons Compel Relinquishment of the Office

Mayor John S. Coke Jr. has handed in his resignation, and it will come before the next meeting of the town board. Mayor Coke's reason for resigning his position at the head of the city government is that business steps which he has in view render it advisable. He greatly regrets the necessity of dropping the work before his term expires, a regret that will be shared by all.

Under Mayor Coke's administration the town has taken many steps in advance in the way of material, and much more of this work is under way or in contemplation. The mayor and the other city officers have been working in the greatest harmony, and it is to be regretted that the circle should be broken before the plans already made can be carried to completion.

The finances of the town have also been faring well under Mayor Coke, and last year showed a gain in spite of the fact that about \$1000 was expended for the fire department and nearly \$400 in street improvements adjoining city property.

It now bids with the town board to fill the vacancy in the office.

PORTLAND MILLS

Refuse to Sell Lumber to any one

Portland, April 22—Until the present labor difficulties are settled, no lumber will be sold by any of the Portland mills. The Connors sawmills and planing mills, of this city, have issued a written statement setting forth the conditions which impel them to this decision. The mill men say they cannot afford to have the money tied up in buildings which may be declared unfair by the associations.

The Master Builders and Painters are spoken of very favorably, while the suppressed sentiment towards the Building Trades Unions is decidedly unfavorable.

The excuse given by the mill men for the past week for the lack of lumber for the retail trade was the large export shipments. This now abandoned. Saw mill proprietors come out openly and say they will not sell a foot of lumber in Portland "until this controversy is settled, and settled for good." The statement contains the signatures of the managers of all the sawmills of the city. A few smaller planing mills are not represented.

TWO MEN KILLED

San Francisco, April 23—Walter Cavagh and John Parley were killed this afternoon at the Risdon Iron Works by the breaking of a cable.

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