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BILLY BRYAN LOSES In the Bennett Will Case

New Haven, Conn., March 31—Bryan lost his case in the contest for admission of the sealed letter in the Bennett will controversy this morning, when Judge Gage decided that according to Connecticut law the letter cannot be admitted as it is not described with sufficient certainty in the will, and that an extraneous paper cannot be admitted in the construing of a will.

TWENTY-FIVE LIVES LOST

Scranton Penn., Mar. 31—Twenty-five girls lost their lives this morning in an explosion in the Dixon Squibb factory at Porceburg, four miles from this city. Two bodies were found two blocks from the scene. Dozens of girls badly wounded.

IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE Various Measures Considered by Congress

Washington, Mar. 31—The Senate today passed a bill appointing the men previously named as the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Senator Clark of Wyoming, called from the table the bill providing for a repeal of the desert land act, and the commutation clause of the homestead act which was introduced by Senator Gibson. Clark declared that if the bill became a law it would absolutely stop development in the said and semi-arid regions.

The House spent the day considering the sundry civil bill. Congressman Bell Democrat of California offered an amendment to Crumpackers amendment eliminating the provision that the pension money of soldiers held by the state and territorial soldiers home can be deducted from the appropriation granted the homes by Congress, providing that the homes maintaining bare shall not receive national aid, and preventing such homes from holding the pension money of the inmates.

Williams, the Democratic floor leader in the House, introduced two resolutions today, calling for information from the attorney general as to whether he ever investigated the anthracite coal trust and whether the anthracite coal carrying roads had violated the provisions of the anti-trust act; also whether he has proceeded criminally against the individuals and corporations adjudged by the recent merger decision to have violated the terms of the act.

HABEAS CORPUS FOR CARBARNERS

Chicago, March 31—Judge Cytrous this morning issued a writ of habeas corpus, returnable Monday, in the case of Marx, the carbarner, on petition of counsel who alleges error in sentencing the bandits, as the date conflicts with the statutes being two days over the time allowed, and errors in the clerks record. A legal fight is on.

PACIFIC COAST EMBEZZLER

San Francisco, Mar. 31—A warrant was issued this morning, charging Jas. Cardoza with embezzlement. Cardoza was purser on the steamer State of California, of the Pacific Coast S. S. Co. It is claimed that he sold five thousand dollars worth of tickets and pocketed the proceeds.

To Fix Baseball Schedule

Salt Lake, Mar. 31—President Lucas of the Pacific National League and the managers from Spokane, Boise, Butte, and Salt Lake met here this afternoon for the purpose of transacting business and adopting a baseball schedule for the coming season.

Change in Railroad Officials

Salt Lake, Mar. 31—It is officially announced, to be effective tomorrow, that Everett Buckingham, Superintendent of Transportation of the Union Pacific, has been appointed General Superintendent of the Oregon Short Line, succeeding E. E. Calvil. The office of Assistant General Manager is abolished.

Save Your Tags

Washington, Mar. 30—By a vote of eight to four the Ways and Means Committee of the House today refused to authorize a favorable report on the Tawney bill to prevent the placing of tags and prize coupons in tobacco and cigar packages.

Lively Primaries Today

Politics were lively for awhile yesterday and the night at the primaries was warm, though of short duration. The primaries were opened at 1 o'clock and closed in somewhat less than 40 minutes. The result seems to be a mixed delegation from each ward.

The following delegates were elected in the south Marshfield precinct:

F. P. Norton, H. S. Bonebrake, Geo. N. Farrin, R. J. Coke, John R. Herron, E. A. Anderson, Chas. Stauff, D. L. Watson, A. B. Campbell, J. Q. Johnson, George Ferrey, Carl Albrecht, J. W. Bennett, E. L. Robinson, W. U. Douglas.

The following were elected in the North precinct: H. Lockhart, T. M. Dimmick, E. O. Hall, Is. Lando, H. Finell, E. L. Farrin, C. W. Tower, E. Wold, F. M. Flye, F. A. Laise, John Maredon, J. H. Hutcheson.

The following delegates were elected in the South Coos river precinct:

W. H. Smith, A. O. Rogers, L. D. Smith, A. A. Smith, Geo. Bogie. The North Bend primaries will be held this evening.

LIKE A CITY OF THE DEAD

Port Arthur Nearly Depopulated

ENGLISH SHIPPING COAL TO JAPAN

Russian General's Narrow Escape From Capture--Anti-American Agitation Continues in Russian Newspapers

Like City of the Dead

St. Petersburg, March 31—Novoest today graphically describes Port Arthur as a place markedly changed. Trains from the city are filled with fugitives. The Military are almost the only persons left at Port Arthur which resembles a city of the dead. Stoenel has ordered the shops to remain open during bombardment.

Coal For Japan

Liverpool, March 21—It is reported that an English firm is sending one hundred thousand tons of coal ostensibly to China but really to Japan, getting 22 shillings a ton.

Smallpox in Irkutsk

London, Mar. 31—The Eastern Gazette reports the increase of the smallpox epidemic in the province of Irkutsk. Thirty percent of the population of the town of Matcha are infected.

Nearly Captured

London, Mar. 31—The Central News at Rome telegraphs that Seoul advices state that General Mischenko, the Russian commander in the Chong Ju fight narrowly escaped capture by the Japanese. The Russians left many sabres and rifles behind in their flight.

District Attorney Appointed

Washington, Mar. 31—It has been decided to appoint civilian Baxter, of Omaha, United States District Attorney of Nebraska, vice Summers.

Hunting for Anarchist

Rome, March 31—The newspaper Borico states that the police are searching for an alleged anarchist named Pretti who is suspected of having contrived a plot against the Kaiser.

Buffalo Bill Withdraws Suit

Butte, Mont., Mar. 31—Buffalo Bill Cody and his wife will not be divorced, according to Thomas Davis of North Platt, the friends of both, who says that friends of the family have induced Bill to agree to withdraw his complaint.

The Real Hero

St. Petersburg, Mar. 31—Stoenel, commander at Port Arthur, has ordered sentinels to shoot to kill unauthorized persons approaching the fortifications or batteries. Admiral Mokrassoff in reply to congratulations by the commander of the Black Sea fleet states that Lieutenant Krinske commander of the torpedo boat destroyer Stildi is the real hero to be honored for replying to the Japanese attack.

The icebreaker Ermack has arrived at Cronstadt.

Offer Not Accepted

Berlin, March 31—The Vossische Zeitung reports that the offer of the Czar to pardon any political prisoner who would volunteer has not been accepted in a single instance.

Anti-American Agitation

St. Petersburg, Mar. 31—The newspapers of Russia continue to praise England and attack America, taking the statement of witnesses of the Chemulpo battle as a text. A British captain threatened to fire on the Japanese if they pursued sinking Russian vessels for the purpose of destroying them in the inner harbor. The American ship Vicksburg alone refused to act the part of humanity, and the act was due to American moral unsoundness.

Washed their Feet

Vienna, Mar. 31—The Emperor today performed the annual ceremonies of washing the feet of twelve old men whose ages totalled ten hundred and eighty-five years.

Fierce Fighting in Monastir

Vienna, March 31—Fierce fighting is reported near Kostur, in Monastir district. Twelve Greeks and twenty Bulgarians were killed.

Habeas Corpus For Moyer

Grand Junction, Colo. Mar 31—Judge Steven last night granted the application for a writ of habeas corpus for President Moyer. General Bell and Captain Wells are directed to produce Moyer April eleventh.

OBSTACLE TO SALE REMOVED

Paris, Mar. 31—The Sieneceval tribunal today decided in favor of defendant in the case of Colombia against the Panama Canal Co. This removes all obstacles to the transfer of the canal to the United States.

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

Halifax, Mar. 31—Military authorities are expecting ten regiments to be in line next month to be stationed in Canada, in the event of certain developments in the Far East.

TRUST COMPANIES GOING UP

Boston, Mass. Mar. 31—The United Trust Company closed its doors this morning. Its capital is one hundred thousand and it holds deposits of a million and a half, being a state institution.

Cleveland, O. Mar. 31—The Federal Trust Company assigned this morning. Deposits aggregate eight hundred thousand. The assignment was decided on because Sec. and Treas. Clewell is out of the city and the officers are unable to locate him or understand his absence.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Scranton, Mar. 31—Six persons were killed and five injured, some fatally, in a terrific explosion in the Dickson Squibb Co.'s factory at Porceburg at eleven o'clock this morning. Five of the dead are girls, the other is a boy. All the bodies were enveloped in the ruins which afterwards took fire. The dead girls' names are Laura Mathews, Bessie Lewis, Lizzie Mahon, Lizzie Bray and Mary Callahan. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Eldridge Fooled Posse

Portland, Ogn, Mar. 30—Harry Eldridge, the escaped Folsom convict who is being taken back to prison today, seems jocular. He says that at one time in his flight he was incognito with the posse for several hours, directing them where to search for himself.

The Way They Do in Iceland

Icelanders never think of "locking up" at night, and yet only two cases of thieving have occurred in many years. One was a poor man with a broken arm, who stole several sheep to save his family from starving. The punishment meted out to him was that food was provided for his family, he was placed under medical care and work was given him when his arm had healed. The other case was of a foreigner who stole seventeen sheep. The law demanded that he restore the value of the thefts and then leave the country or be executed. Naturally he

IOWA MINERS STRIKE

Against Reduction in Wage Scale

Des Moines, Iowa, Mar. 31—Thirty thousand five hundred miners of this state strike this morning, on account of proposed reduction in wage scale. Every mine in the state will stay closed. The scale committee met this morning and perfunctorily announced the result of the disagreement with operators who now claim the mines will re-open only on the open principle.

They have a million tons on hand and the men have eighty thousand dollars in their treasury, and the prospects are for a long, bitter fight against a reduction of the scale.

BOTKIN TRIAL GOES ON

In Spite of Attempt to Fix Jury

San Francisco, Cal., March 31—Despite the revelations of an alleged attempt to fix the Botkin jury, the trial proceeded today. Mrs. Botkin having ignored the advice of her counsel and insisted upon a verdict from the present jury.

When the court convened, Attorney Knight for the defense arose and announced that his client refused to be discharged. Accordingly counsel withdrew the motion, and the court, addressing the prisoner asked her if she had anything to say in the matter.

Mrs. Botkin arose and in well modulated tones said: "Your honor, in opposition to the advice of my attorneys, I want a verdict from this jury."

The Court then declared that there was nothing else to do but go on with the case, and the jury was brought into the court room.

The transcript of evidence given on the first trial by Lizzie Livernash, a former newspaper reporter, was read in which she declared that in an interview Mrs. Botkin gave her the prisoner said she was glad that Dunning went away, as she had to support him.

When told that she was suspected of the poisoning, Mrs. Botkin went into hysterics, and cried "Why didn't I spare the mother of the child and let the father die?"

Mrs. Botkin, according to Miss Livernash's story, said that a San Francisco woman would be suspected at once, and if Dunning learned that she was suspected he would blow his brains out.

Mrs. Botkin admitted to Miss Livernash that she lived a gay life, and enjoyed all the pleasures of the world, and would do anything to satisfy her desires but would not stoop to murder.

The Police are without a clue as to the identity of the alleged briber. The description of Juror Goete and the detective who trailed him differ.

The prosecution closed at noon. The hearing of the witnesses for the defense will begin tomorrow morning.