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DUTCH FLEET GATHERING IN WEST INDIES

FIND MUTILATED BODY OF GIRL BURNING IN STRAW PILE

RUSHING WORK ON RAILROAD

SALEM TO DALLAS

OPERATIONS BEGUN YESTERDAY TO BE FINISHED NEXT FALL. WILL OPEN UP BIG TRACTS OF TIMBER LANDS.

Portland, July 29.—The Morning Oregonian says: Work was started yesterday on the extension of the Salem, Falls City & Western railway from Dallas to Salem. L. Gerlinger, of Dallas, president of the road, says no time will be wasted in building this extension, but it will probably be next fall before trains are

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JAPS MAY BUY LINES TO ORIENT

FROM COAST CITIES

RAILROADS NOTIFY SHIPPERS EXPORT TRADE IS GIVEN UP—STEAMSHIP COMPANIES WILL BE SOLD.

Chicago, July 29.—Railroad officials here have sent out notices to shippers that they will go out of the export trade to China, Japan, New Zealand and Australia November 1, and it is freely predicted that the steamships of the Harriman line out of San Francisco, the Hill lines out

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READY TO SAIL ON VENEZUELA

AT MINUTE'S NOTICE

WARSHIPS ORDERED TO ASSEMBLE—NETHERLANDS PREPARING TO CRUSH CASTRO—MAY BLOCKADE PORTS.

The Hague, July 29.—The Netherlands government today ordered the battleships Hoemskerck, Pletheln and Evertsen and the cruisers Holland, Utracht and Friesland to assemble at once in the West Indies. The commander of the Eastern squadron also was ordered to be prepared to dispatch his fleet to Venezuela at a moment's notice.

These warlike movements of the government lead to the general belief that Queen Wilhelmina has determined to crush Castro, and force the recognition of Dutch claims in Venezuela.

It is known also that the ministry of marine is today negotiating for the purchase of several small, fast steamships, with which the war fleet could be supplanted in case of a long blockade of Venezuelan ports. Castro would be practically without means of opposing any well-armed ships, and it is not believed that it would be necessary to hold the fleet in Venezuelan waters in order to keep up the blockade.

The attitude of President Castro has left this government no alternative but a warlike demonstration, if not an actual declaration of war, according to the opinion of officials here. The complaints of the Socialists, who threaten revolt because they say the commoner would have to bear the burden of war, are not believed today to have had as much weight as was at first thought.

Hague Excited. The Hague, July 29.—The order for the assembling of the Netherlands fleet within striking distance of Venezuela has caused great excitement here today.

It is taken to mean that this country has determined to plunge into war with Venezuela unless President Castro makes a sudden change in his policies.

The citizens are confident that war will be declared, and the Socialists, who have opposed such a step, are greatly aroused.

There is every indication of preparations for war in all branches of the government.

All vessels of the Netherlands fleet carry heavy guns, and it is believed that any one of them would be more than a match for all the ships that Venezuela could possibly muster.

Lenox, Mass., July 29.—It was learned this afternoon that immediate release of the cases against the Standard Oil Company at Chicago will be the outcome of the conference here between Attorney-General Bonaparte and Frank B. Kellogg. Bonaparte refused to confirm the report, but the information came to the United Press from a source that cannot be doubted.

Seattle is raising money to entertain the grand lodge of Eagles, which meets next month.

TWELVE THOUSAND DROWNED

ON CHINA COAST

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY HEAVY LOSER IN TYPHOON—WARSHIPS BADLY DAMAGED.

Hong Kong, July 29.—The whole southern coast of China is today suffering from the effects of a terrible typhoon that swept over the China sea Monday night. Reports from Canton today say that over 12,000 were drowned instead of 3,000, as was at first reported, and that thousands of people of the coolie class are homeless.

In Hong Kong conditions are almost as bad. The immense public gardens are a total wreck, and houses have collapsed all over the city.

Over 100 Chinese vessels were sunk in the harbor. The British river gunboats Whiting and Robin were damaged in the storm. The Whiting is ashore, and will probably be a total wreck.

The offices of the Pacific Mail, a fine new granite building, just completed at a cost of \$500,000, was destroyed.

The Pacific Mail steamer Persia was blown ashore at Kowloon, on the mainland, near Hong Kong, and the Mongolla, which arrived in port but two hours before the storm broke, was in collision with the Portland & A. Little Steamship Company's steamer Numantia. Neither vessel, however, sustained serious damage.

"Persia" Is Saved. San Francisco, July 29.—A cablegram received at the office of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company here today states that the Persia, which was aground in the typhoon Monday night, has got off. She has not been seriously damaged. No one on board was hurt.

New York, July 29.—Magistrate Corrigan said today that he will announce his decision Friday in the case against Mrs. Ben Teal, wife of the theatrical manager, and Detective Harry Mousley, charged with obtaining false testimony to be used against Frank J. Gould in his wife's suit for divorce. They are alleged to have procured a false affidavit from Mabel Maccaul, and charging Gould with intimacy with Bessie Devoe, an actress.

Gould was called to the witness stand last night and counsel for the defense tried to prove by him that he had visited the Devoe girl at her apartment. He admitted he knew her, but would say nothing more. The magistrate sustained the objection, holding that the only issue was whether Mabel Maccaul had been at the Devoe apartment, and had seen Gould there, as is set forth in her affidavit.

All today was spent in getting things ready for the advent of the jovial monarch of the deep. It would not do to have him step up the gang plank and behold a dirty deck or poorly kept guns. Everything now looks shiny and bright. The president of the United States never did view a finer looking fleet that will do homage to Neptune tomorrow.

Forward they have erected some sort of a raised throne upon which Neptune will be seated. Aft there is a chamber of horrors through which the mutilated must pass before they are presented to his majesty. The past few days have been spent in maneuvering. Occasional warm rains have come upon us.

HEARST IN COMPLETE CONTROL

CAMPAIGN MANAGER

SECRETARY OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE AS WELL—HISGEN FOR PRESIDENT AND GRAVES FOR SECOND PLACE.

Chicago, July 29.—The national committee of the Independence party today elected William Randolph Hearst chairman and campaign manager. Charles A. Walsh, of Iowa, who was chairman of the convention, was elected secretary of the committee.

The leaders announced today that a vigorous campaign will be begun at once for the election of Thomas L. Hisgen, of Massachusetts, for President and John Temple Graves, of Georgia, for vice-president. Hearst, it is said, will have active management of the campaign, and will be in personal charge.

NEPTUNE REIGNS ON BIG FLEET

(By H. Lee Clotworthy, United Press Correspondent on Board Battleship Georgia, via Wireless to Honolulu.)

Honolulu, July 28.—Everything is in readiness for the ceremony of crossing the equator tomorrow. Old King Neptune is getting out his false whiskers from his locker and sharpening his trident, for the jackle who has never crossed the equator before has something rare in store for him.

Every battleship is making elaborate preparations for tomorrow's doings. I have not been able to learn much about the exact nature of the preparations as I would like to, myself, for I cross the equator tomorrow for the first time. I'll know tomorrow night.

There are some seven thousand men with the fleet, however, who have never crossed the mysterious line before and so I shall have plenty of company. From all reports, King Neptune will have his hands full.

Each novice must be put through a course of sprouts that will mark him ever afterward as a true son of the sea. Every one is looking forward to the occasion with keen interest.

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WATCHMAN AND SON ARRESTED

UNDER SUSPICION

WOMAN'S FACE IS BURNED BEYOND RECOGNITION—BOUND HANDS AND FEET AND THROAT CUT.

New York, July 29.—With the face eaten away by acids and the hands and feet bound with ropes, a deep gash in her throat, telling how she met her death, the body of a young woman was found in a burning heap of trash in an unfrequented part of Williamsburg today.

James Ruddick, a watchman, who discovered the body, and his son, Joseph Ruddick, are under arrest in connection with the case.

The body was taken to the morgue where efforts are being made to identify it, though there is but little hope of ever learning who she was. The girl was about 20 years old, and evidently had been subjected to barbarous mistreatment before her death.

Ruddick told the following story to the police:

"I saw two men yesterday in a wagon drive across the commons and dump something out on the ground. I did not pay much attention to them, as that is a common sight there.

"Later I saw a fire at the spot and supposed they had set a heap of rubbish on fire. While I was watching the fire a stranger approached, me and said: 'There is a fire over there and if you come up here you can smell burning flesh. I wonder if a body can be burning up in that fire?' The stranger and I went over to the place and threw water on the fire, thinking we had put it out. Later I saw fire again, and I went back and threw more water on it. Then I found the body hidden under the rubbish, lying on a mattress."

The police suspected the story, and upon being cross-examined, Ruddick admitted that the "stranger" to whom he had referred was his son, Joseph. This led to the arrest of father and son on suspicion.

The police are convinced that the girl's face was burned away in a fiendish effort to prevent any possibility of her being identified.

There is no doubt that she was murdered, and it is expected that sensational developments will come to light before many hours of investigation.

ENTERS INTO LIFE IN TENDERLOIN SALOON.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, July 29.—The Barbary coast was treated to an innovation this morning in the visit of the stork to a saloon at the corner of Stockton street and Broadway. Mrs. Y. Barra, who lives at 726 Broadway, was on her way down town when she stopped in front of the saloon and whispered to a woman who was passing.

Soon a cordon of women guarded the entrance to the saloon where she took refuge until the ambulance arrived with a doctor.

At the hospital, Dr. Reuben C. Hill said that the little visitor, a lousy-lunged visitor, was in fine condition.

CHICAGO STORE

PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

This is the last week of our

CLEARING SALE

WE ARE NOW SELLING GOODS IN THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS AT LESS THAN MANUFACTURERS' COST. WE ARE DOING THIS TO REDUCE OUR STOCK TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE FALL GOODS WHICH ARE NOW WARRIVING DAILY. NO WIS THE TIME FOR BARGAINS.

1000 yards of Best Standard Calicoes now going for, a yard—

4c

1000 yards of Best Standard Apron Gingham in pretty checks, a yard—

5c

Sheetings and Muslins at Mill Prices.

15c Dark Colored Dress Gingham—a good heavy cloth—yard

81-3c

25c Heavy Plaid Dress Goods—a splendid wearing material—yard—

121-2c

All our White Lawns and Dimities—also Fancy White Goods, going at Clearing Prices.



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On all our WHITE SKIRTS, LADIES' SUITS, DRESS SKIRTS, SHORT WAISTS, MILLINERY, ETC.

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 \$1.49 White Underskirts, now 95c
 \$2.50 White Underskirts, now \$1.49
 Ladies' \$5.00 suits, now \$4.75
 Ladies' \$18.00 Suits, now \$10.50
 Ladies' \$25.00 Suits, now \$13.90
 \$5.00 Ostrich Plumes, now \$2.95

All our Silk Petticoats at Clearing Prices.

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