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THRILLING TALE OF ESCAPE FROM BURNING VESSEL

Risk Drowning to Escape Worse Fate--Captain of Battle Abbey, His Wife and Two Children and 16 Men Arrive in Astoria and Captain Tells Story--Picked Up by German Bark After Drifting for Fifty Hours in Open Boat--Explosion Feared as Temperature on Burning Vessel Rises--Heavy Gale Encountered.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Astoria, Ore., Jan. 8.—Drifting for fifty hours in an open boat on the ocean 300 miles off Los Angeles before being picked up by the German bark Eilbek on January 2, was the experience of Captain T. H. Marsters, wife and two children and crew of 16 men after they had abandoned the British bark Battle Abbey, which was burning fiercely. Captain Thode, in charge of the Eilbek, and the master of the ill-fated Battle Abbey came ashore today and told their story.

Captain Marsters, the members of his family and crew appeared none the worse for their experiences. The Battle Abbey sailed from New Castle, Australia, on October 18 with 2,260 tons of coal in its hold for Vancouver, B. C., and it was on December 31 that the crew was compelled to leave the vessel.

Coal Catches Fire. In telling of his experience, Captain Marsters said: "We sailed from New Castle October 18 and had fair weather for the first two weeks. We had been out about three weeks when the coal in the hold caught fire.

"We at once noticed the difference in the temperature and although we did everything to prevent it, the fire spread and the temperature increased. On December 31 the temperature had risen to 138 degrees and for fear of an explosion we decided to abandon the Battle Abbey.

"The weather was bad and a heavy sea running. We attempted to lower two boats but smashed one in getting it launched. "We had not sighted shore for several days but I would judge we were 300 miles out at sea.

Encounter Heavy Gale. "After getting into the boat we headed for shore. We had plenty of water and provisions to last us several days. We put up a sail but that afternoon we encountered the heaviest gale we had struck on the trip. The waves broke over the boat and we were all soon drenched to the skin. However, all seemed to stand the strain, probably owing to the excitement. "It was about ten o'clock on Wednesday when we left the vessel and it

was just before noon on Friday that we sighted the Eilbek. We managed to put the boat around and get in the ship's course and they had no trouble in sighting us. "We were mighty glad to be taken aboard the Eilbek and after we had been supplied with dry clothing and hot coffee, we felt just as good as ever." Captain Marsters stated that the doomed vessel was smoking badly when they left and that owing to the gale coal with which it was loaded, it had probably blown up before this.

FORCES OF EVIL ARE BLAMED FOR SHORT LIVES [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 8.—Dr. Eugene Smith, aged 91 years, addressed the National conference for race betterment here today. He said the average person should live to be 100 years old. "The only reason the average person does not reach the century mark," said Dr. Smith, "is because the forces of evil prevail over the forces of the good. Only three out of every thousand persons live to be centenarians."

M'ADOO AND HOUSTON NOT TALKING ABOUT ACT [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Jan. 8.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston left for Boston this afternoon. They will hold currency hearings there tomorrow. "Neither I nor Secretary Houston," said Secretary McAdoo before leaving New York, "expressed either directly or indirectly, any opinion or formed any conclusions on banking questions we are now investigating under the federal reserve act. Nor shall we do so until all facts are submitted. To avoid the slightest possibility of a misunderstanding we desire to say that all inferences or statements to the contrary may be accepted as unauthorized."

WASTE PAPER BURNS. San Francisco, Jan. 8.—The waste paper warehouse of the Charles Harley company was destroyed by fire today. Flying embers threatened adjoining houses, but the firemen managed to confine the flames to the one building.

Young Knox Quits Wife He Eloped With 3 Years Ago

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Philander Knox, Jr., had disappeared today from the apartments she has occupied since her husband's recent departure for New York, whence he and his mother sailed yesterday for Bermuda. Since it was certain the young woman was not with Knox and his mother, her abandonment of her apartments here was generally considered to give added weight to the reports of trouble between the ex-secretary of state's son and his wife. Henry Scott, Mrs. Knox's lawyer, said, however, that talk of an estrangement was premature. Young Knox and his wife, then Miss May Boler, sailed in a Providence, R. I. store, eloped and were married in March, 1910. Knox, Sr., was so angry

that he declared for a time that he would not forgive his son, whereupon the latter went to work as an automobile salesman, and was doing reasonably well, when his firm hit on the idea of sending him to Washington, thinking he could probably dispose of many cars to his father's friends. Whether it was because he was softened toward his son by this time, or objected to having his position capitalized by an automobile concern, the secretary of state made overtures toward the young couple at this point, and in a short time the family was reconciled. About six weeks ago the young Knoxs gave up their home at Wayne, Knox going, it was said, to join his father and mother, and his wife taking apartments here.

GRAND JURY PROBES INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL SYSTEM AND AFFAIRS

Directed by Judge Cleeton to Make Investigation at Institution.

RESULT OF CASE HERE

Trial of Effie Creswell for Poisoning Has Something to Do With Orders of Court.

Judge Cleeton this afternoon called the January grand jury in session before him and directed him to visit the Oregon Industrial Training School for Girls, with instructions to investigate the manner in which the institution is being conducted; as to its general equipment on hand for caring for the inmates as intended by the law creating the branch, and to report to him at their earliest convenience.

This investigation has arisen out of the case which was tried before Judge Cleeton today, in which Mrs. Effie Creswell was charged with attempting to poison both inmates and officers of the school. Judge Cleeton has also some information at hand which leads him to believe that the institution should receive a rigid investigation, and the entire place, recently established, was thrown open for the benefit of the grand jury this afternoon.

It is said that the industrial school has not been conducted as intended by the law, owing to there being not sufficient funds with which to carry on the work, and that both the building and the methods of management are inadequate.

SALEM WINS POINT IN CASE INVOLVING FRONT STREET

Judge Galloway this morning overruled the plaintiffs' demurrer to the defendants' answer in the case of R. A. Feil et al against the City of Salem and the Oregon Electric company and the plaintiffs served notice that they will file an amended complaint tomorrow. The plaintiffs in this case are seeking to restrain the Oregon Electric Railway company and the City of Salem from going ahead with street improvements on North Front street. The defendants replied and the plaintiffs demurred and asked that the reply be dismissed on the grounds it did not set forth facts sufficient to constitute a defense.

BRYAN AGAIN DEFENDS GRAPE JUICE AND RAPS BARTHOLDT

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, Jan. 8.—Secretary of State Bryan, here today, replied tartly to Congressman Bartholdt's assertion that grape juice contained twice as much alcohol as beer. "It is false on its face," he said. "Anybody who knows Congressman Bartholdt knows he would prefer grape juice to beer if grape juice contained the most alcohol. "I don't know whether he uses liquor or not personally," amended the secretary, "but next to his interest in international peace seems his interest in compulsory drinking."

The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon, generally fair to night and Friday; cooler east portion tonight; south-westerly winds.

Seattle Leads as Healthy Place

Lowest Death Rate in Country and Manufacturing Towns Show Highest Infant's Death Rate.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Jan. 8.—Seattle has the lowest death rate in the country—8.8 per 1000—according to census statistics for 1911, made public today. New Orleans and Albany, N. Y., are tied for the highest rate—30.4.

Of the states Washington has the lowest—8.9—and New Hampshire the highest—17.1. For the death among children less than a year old, Fall River and Lowell were tied for highest place, the figure being more than 200 per 1000. Suicide is more popular in San Francisco than anywhere else in the country. There are more assorted violent deaths in Memphis than elsewhere.

Late News Bulletins

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Reno, Nev., Jan. 8.—An unidentified man today waylaid Margaret Lamson, aged 13 years, daughter of William E. Lamson, dragged her over a stone fence and inflicted 50 small wounds on her face and arms with a penknife. The girl was on her way to school when attacked. A sheriff's posse is searching for the man.

Montesano, Wash., Jan. 8.—That a greater part of the new Oregon-Washington railroad grade is in danger and may be washed out today seemed certain, as the waters of the Wynoochee river recedes. Already 100 feet of the fill has been carried away. A large force of men is trying to save the grade which was built at a cost of \$80,000.

New York, Jan. 8.—Director of the Union Pacific company here today approved the plan of the executive committee to distribute more than \$80,000,000 worth of Baltimore and Ohio stock, held by the Union Pacific, to common stock holders. The directors also approved the recommendation to reduce the dividend rate on common stock from 10 to 8 per cent.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The First National Bank of Pensacola, Florida was closed today by orders of the comptroller.

Tango Causes War; Timid Youth Flees From Angry Girls

That wise man who said that life was "just one blamed thing after another" was eminently correct. No sooner does the dove of peace flutter her somewhat bedraggled wings over the state house dome and come clear from Copperfield with the olive branch in her mouth seeking a place to rest her feet after her tiresome flight over a sea of troubled waters, than she is ineffectually shot off her perch and the baldheaded eagle, so to speak, is given the vacant roost. It happened this way. Not long ago, and when the much talked-of tango was being discussed and condemned so thoroughly that every girl in the state became possessed of a mad desire to learn its sinuosities and tangles, whatever the latter are, a young man, fair to look upon, as graceful as the lily that bends and sways so daintily before the zephyrs from the sundown islands that follow the odor-laden stream that sweeps across the ocean from the Orient, besides having, as he claimed, a thorough knowledge of the intricacies of the tango, arrived here in Salem, and sought to teach the dainty Salem girls the real simon-pure tango at so much per tang.

The young ladies in the state house fell for the game. Why shouldn't they? They put up their hard-earned money, turned it over to the tangoist, who, in turn, as a quid pro quo, taught them the glides, dips, spins, and angles and variations of the mystic dance. He taught them so thoroughly that the girls could scarcely wait until they could get to Portland, and there show the supercilious dames of that fashion center that they were not the whole cheese, and that the Salem tango, when it got ripe, was as good a tango as any on the market. Night after night they tripped and slipped, slid and "glid," curved, bowed and swerved, kowtowed and bent a graceful and suppliant knee at the shrine of old Madam Tango herself.

Then, when the steps and movements were all gotten down pat, some of the girls went to Portland, and somehow found themselves somewhere where the tango was ripe. Some young gentlemen with clawhammer coats and Prince Albert intellects gladly invited the fair ones from the Capital City to tango a round or two. Would they tango? Why of course. With the confidence of perfect knowledge of the art they walked out on the floor. The music began, and so did they. The music kept on its sweet way, but they did not. There was a hiatus, for the steps would not go to the music, and they were advancing the hayfoot when the strawfoot should have got there, or words to that effect. In short, they could not dance the tango, but they discovered that as Turkey Trotters they were in the two-minute-flat class. They had paid out their good money for tango, and had been gold-bricked with turkey trot. When they came home there was war. There was also a sudden vanishing of a young gentleman, graceful and willowy, of sylph-like form and airy tread, who had for a while been teaching the art of tangoing in Salem. They can yet learn the tango, but they want to know it is the tango before it gets their money.

MOYER IS ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE ON HIS ARRIVAL AT HANCOCK

Head of Federation of Miners Nearly Overcome by His Wound and Travel.

PROTECTION GIVEN HIM

Deputies Escort Him to Hotel and He Meets Berger and Others and Later Is to See the Governor.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Hancock, Mich., Jan. 8.—President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners was on the verge of collapse when he arrived here at noon today. His wounded shoulder had troubled him more than he expected and the strain of his journey told severely upon him. Thorough preparations had been made to protect him, however. Fifteen deputies were waiting at the South Shore station when his train pulled in, and, helping him into a cruiser automobile, the entire party escorted him to the Scott hotel.

At the hotel, after a short rest, he went into conference with Victor Berger of Milwaukee and other socialist leaders. He had an engagement to see Governor Ferris later. The governor had a secret conference with the mine owners this forenoon at which it was understood the owners' lawyer read a long statement defending their position.

Moyer was received with a decided ovation. Hundreds of strikers had gathered at the station to meet him and thousands lined the sidewalks as he autoed past, cheering him.

TANKS ARE DESTROYED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Taft, Cal., Jan. 8.—Fire was sweeping through the tank farm in the Midway oil fields today. Ten tanks had been consumed at noon, and the entire farm was in danger of destruction. The loss will be heavy.

lor of the currency. Bank Examiner Goodhart was placed in charge of the institution. The bank is capitalized at \$500,000 and carried deposits of \$1,350,000. Poor lumber business was blamed for the failure.

HUERTA ABOUT TO TAKE FIELD AGAINST REBELS HIMSELF IT IS SAID

Asserted That He Told Friends of Catholic Party That He Had Decided on Step--Foreign Diplomats Inclined to Credit Rumors United States is to Adopt an Entirely New Mexican Policy--Conference of O'Shaughnessy and Lind Being Held in Vera Cruz--Carden to Stay in Mexico City for Awhile.

[By a United Press Staff Correspondent.]

Mexico City, Jan. 8.—The report that General Huerta was about to resign the Mexican presidency to take the field personally against the rebels was current again today.

It was unconfirmed but persistent. Huerta himself was said to have told friends in the Catholic party that he had decided on the step.

Foreign diplomats here inclined to credit rumors that the United States government was considering adoption of an entirely new Mexican policy. As to what it was, however, none could guess.

Nothing Definitely Decided.

London, Jan. 8.—English newspapers referred today for the first time to the possibility of Sir Lionel Carden transferring British legation in Mexico City to some other diplomatic post. That his transfer had been considered was generally agreed but the consensus of journalistic opinion was that nothing had been decided definitely.

DENIES MOST OF TIDWELL'S FIGURES ARE INCORRECT

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Jan. 8.—David G. Powers, the government's star witness, was called to the stand this afternoon at the trial of the eight officials of the Western Fuel company, charged with conspiring to defraud Uncle Sam of customs duties. The noon recess was ordered before Powers started his testimony.

Before Powers was called, Special Government Prosecutor Theodore Roche flatly denied allegations by defense attorneys that nearly all of Special Treasury Agent Tidwell's figures regarding alleged frauds were wrong. He said most of Tidwell's figures had been verified. Michael J. Costello, an inspector of customs, and Harry Cooper, for 40 years employed in the coal mines of British Columbia, were examined during the morning session. Their testimony was not considered of much importance.

STOCKS HIGHER.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Jan. 8.—Prices in a majority of cases were higher at the opening of the stock market today. There was also a good demand for the favorite stocks.

"Not a step in the Carden matter will be taken," said the London Post, "so long as the present indefinite conditions exist in Mexico."

Reuters, the news agency, was "authoritatively informed that whatever transfer may be made, there is no intention to have Carden leave Mexico City in the immediate future, meaning within the next few months. Also there has been no question of his recall."

Leaves Son in Mexico City.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, Jan. 8.—Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy of the United States embassy in Mexico City arrived here today to confer with John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative. O'Shaughnessy brought his wife with him but they left their little son at the capital. It was believed this was to put an extinguisher on reports that they had closed the embassy and left Mexico City for good.

President Huerta offered the O'Shaughnessys a special train for the trip but the charge d'affaires declined with thanks.

"WIRELESS EYE" FAILS TO SEE AND PROMOTES FRAUD

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Oakland, Cal., Jan. 8.—Complaints charging Samuel Spitz, alleged inventor of the "wireless eye," said by wireless experts to be a fraud, with obtaining money under false pretenses by selling \$5000 worth of stock in the Wireless Spitzscope Company, Inc., on the strength of his scheme, will be sworn to this afternoon, according to a statement issued today by Captain of Police Agnew.

For three hours last night detectives and electrical experts waited patiently in Spitz's office for his "wireless eye" to gather up radio pictures from out of the darkness by means of "stygian rays" and project them in perfect image on a glass disc set in a binocular case. The "eye" failed to work and the experts pronounced the company a fraud.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

Danville, Ill., Jan. 8.—Orville Cannon, the ex-speaker's nephew, accidentally shot himself yesterday. The wound was slight. On ex-Speaker Cannon, who was recovering from an attack of the grip, the incident seemed to have no bad effect.

Bogus Adolphus Busch is Jailed by Denver Police

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Denver, Colo., Jan. 8.—Giving his name as John Ray Dew, a young man who had previously posed as Adolphus Busch III, was under arrest here today charged with obtaining money by false pretenses.

Taken to police headquarters last night, the prisoner admitted he was an impostor. His father, he said was J. C. Dew, of Belleville, Ill. He confessed he was himself engaged to marry a Los Angeles girl. He had been visiting with family friends in Portland, he explained, and was on his way back to Belleville when his money gave out. "I'm not bad," he declared, "and I never was in trouble like this before. I suppose it's all over with the girl I'm engaged to. Her father and mother are awfully nice people and they'd never stand for this. I promised her I'd go home and get work. Now it's too late. I hope they don't imprison me."

In Dew's pocket a letter was found signed with the name of the girl he mentioned as his fiancée.

"John," read one passage, "for God sake, if not for your father's, your mother's and mine, be a man. Dear, I shall give you one last fond chance. If you decide to brace up, get a job, stop borrowing money and begin paying your debts, write to me, and if you try, try, again, I'll stick to you through thick and thin.

"But if you can't be a man, we'll stop now. It will be better for me to die an old maid with my sacred love for you. I will stick through fire and water if necessary, only you must be a man." The letter was signed: "Yours to 'd go home and get work. Now it's too late. I hope they don't imprison me."