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CRUISER ASHORE AT HUMBOLDT BAY MAY BE WRECKED

The Milwaukee Trying to Save Submarine Gets Among Breakers

CAUGHT BY THE SURF WHEN LINES PARTED

Swept Ashore by Combers That Are Pounding Her Higher on Beach

Samoa, Cal., Jan. 13.—Floundering almost helpless in a heavy sea, the United States cruiser Milwaukee, which was ashore west of here in a heavy fog before daybreak today, was lying at noon broadside to the breakers. She was rolling and pitching badly and fears were expressed by some observers that the tide, then coming in, might turn her over.

Shortly before noon the coast guard men got a line aboard the vessel and hastily prepared to use the breeches buoy in an effort to rescue the imperiled men. It was stated that 450 men and 17 officers were on the ship, 44 men and officers being absent on shore leave. The dense fog, which had closed down at 9:30 and prevented work in aid of the stranded vessel, again lifted at 10:45 o'clock. It showed the cruiser 400 yards from shore, apparently with a heavy list to starboard. A high wind was blowing, sending mountainous sea breaking completely over her, at times wholly obscuring the ship.

Through the haze which enveloped the scene men could be seen occasionally on her deck moving about, but no word came from them. The wireless apparatus which has spluttered through the fog the first news of the disaster, was silent. Evidently it had broken down under the battering, to which the Milwaukee has been subjected.

Put Line Aboard. The coast guard was waiting on the beach, ready for action as soon as the fog lifted. They had fought their way along shore for miles from the station inside the entrance to Humboldt bay, dragging their life lines with them. The first attempt to shoot a line aboard failed, but the second put the line square amidships. It was at once seized and made fast.

Preparations were rushed to use the breeches buoy rig and it was hoped to have the entire company on shore and in safety before many hours.

At noon the monitor Cheyenne and the naval tug Itouqua were lying close by but were helpless to aid the stranded warship, fearing to come too close lest they share her fate.

The Milwaukee still has her cable aboard the submarine H-3.

Trying to Save Submarine.

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 13.—The United States cruiser Milwaukee, which has been engaged here in an effort to pull the submarine H-3 off the sand bar on which she drifted recently, went aground early today in a dense fog near the scene of the H-3 disaster. At 8 o'clock this morning life savers reported that she was in the first line of breakers near Samoa. The life saving crew was rushing to the scene preparing to take off the Milwaukee crew should her position prove dangerous.

The first news of the plight of the Milwaukee came when the fog, which had enveloped the Humboldt bay region, lifted. Although no details of the trou-

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ABE MARTIN

It seems like th' more triflin' a feller is th' more circulars he gets. Who remembers when th' workin' man used to fill his dinner bucket at home instead of at th' nearest grocery?

Wounded the Girl Killed Himself

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Following a jealous quarrel, Paul Jews, 34 years old, a marine fireman, today shot and seriously wounded Miss Dora Roberts, aged 27, and then committed suicide.

The tragedy occurred at the Hotel Rex where the girl was stopping. The girl may recover. The couple had been living at the hotel for a year.

Jews was to have sailed this morning for Portland on the Steamer Northern Pacific. Last night the couple quarreled over Jews' departure.

"I was awakened early today by something which felt like an electric shock," the girl told the police. "Then I saw Paul standing over my bed with a revolver. While I watched him he killed himself. Then I felt blood on my cheek and knew that I was wounded."

WELDON H. WELLS ACCUSED OF MURDER IS UNDER ARREST

Charged With Killing Girl In Hotel at Columbus—May Be Insane

Huntington, Ind., Jan. 13.—Police questioned Weldon H. Wells, arrested here this morning as a suspect in connection with the murder of Mona Simon at a Columbus, Ohio, hotel. Police claim they found bloodstained handkerchiefs and a revolver with three empty cartridges in Wells' suitcase. Wells formerly lived in this city, but has recently made his home in Kansas City, Mo.

Chief of Police Baker arrived at the jail at 7:30 and started to quiz Wells regarding his movements at Columbus. Wells contended stoutly that he was not guilty. He stated that he was willing to go back and face the charge.

Wells, according to the police, denies knowing anything of the murder, but admits he registered under the assumed name of "Van Brunt" at the Desler hotel, where the girl was killed.

He declared stains found on his undershirt were paint and not blood. Police here received word last night from Columbus authorities to watch for Wells. A man who formerly worked with the suspect in the city recognized him in a saloon early today and called the police.

His mother, Mrs. Claude Bentler, now lives in Kansas City. Several years ago Wells eloped with Mamie Metzger. Mrs. Wells left her husband within a few days.

"The Moth and the Candle."

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 13.—Weldon H. Wells, age 25, of Kansas City, arrested at Huntington, Ind., early today for investigation in connection with the murder of Mona Simon, at a fashionable hotel here, Thursday night, will be brought back to Columbus by Detective Sergeant Peter Albanese.

An affidavit charging Wells with first degree murder was filed today by Albanese.

Police believe the woman was killed last Thursday night. Had a maid employed at the hotel showed a little more curiosity, the police say they would have been on the case earlier.

The maid is said to have found the door unlocked at 7 a. m. yesterday and entered. Seeing the woman lying on the floor beside the bed, she concluded she was intoxicated and left the room, it is said.

A little village choir girl who was attracted by the big city's bright lights—who followed its primrose path to her death.

That's the life story of Mona Simon. "She was a good girl when she came here," said Mrs. D. M. Hubbard to day, with whom the girl had lived for three years.

"She got a job as a hotel telephone operator and at first she would come home from work early every evening. Often she would cry and tell me she wished she were back home with her parents in Phillips, W. Va., and the friends with whom she sang in the church choir."

"She used to pray and read the Bible occasionally, but a change came. She fell into bad company. Things went from bad to worse and finally she left me."

The girl's body was prepared for shipment to Gratton, W. Va., today, on the order of her brother, Charles H. Simon, who lives there.

Say He Is Insane. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 13.—That Weldon H. Wells, Kansas City man arrested at Huntington, Ind., believed to be connected with the murder of Mona Simon in Columbus, Ohio, is insane, is the belief of his mother, Mrs. C. D. Bentler, in a statement made here today. "I believe Weldon has been mentally deranged for the past two years," Mrs. Bentler said. According to the mother, she and her husband have engaged an attorney to defend Wells in Columbus.

TONS OF POWDER LET GO AT DUPONT DEATH TOLL IS 27

Alarm of Fire Fills Country With People Fleeing for Their Lives

BUILDINGS WRECKED FOUR MILES FROM SCENE

Explosion Felt In Two States—Windows Broken 15 Miles Away

COST \$33,250,000 Explosions in New Jersey munition plants within the last few months have caused \$33,250,000 damage. The explosion of shells at Black Tom Island, Jersey City, entailed a loss of \$20,350,000. The explosion of shells at Kingsland, N. J., Thursday night, ruined \$12,000,000 worth of munitions and property. The explosion of 400,000 pounds of smokeless powder at Haskell, N. J., caused a property loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

New York, Jan. 13.—Reports of a heavy loss of life as a result of the explosion of tons of powder at the Haskell, N. J., Dupont plant last night was circulated today in various New Jersey towns.

A sergeant of the Compton Lakes police declared 27 were killed. He announced his estimate after talking with surviving workmen. One of the Dupont company doctors was quoted by the sergeant as saying he had counted 11 dead. Members of the Pompton Lakes (N. J.) police force, familiar with explosions, which have been numerous in the vicinity of last night's blasts, declared it always is hard to name the number of dead. They said that of the first blast workers always start to run, many of them running so far they never come back. Counting of noses under such conditions, it was stated, avails little.

It always is the company's practice, these men stated, to say nothing about the number of dead. The Dupont statement accounts for only two missing—400,000 Pounds of Powder.

Hints of incendiarism in connection with the blaze which caused the explosion are many. James Lynch, superintendent of the plant, said the fire started in a "glazing barrel," a cylindrical piece of machinery, in which powder is mixed with graphite to reduce friction. From here, he said, it spread to a magazine in which was 400,000 pounds of smokeless powder to be used in cartridges for machine guns. This caused the big explosion, he said.

Not a house in the village of Pompton Lakes has a whole window today. Houses belonging to the company and located three-fourths of a mile away were lifted from their foundations and flung, twisted and broken, to the ground.

A report that guards at the plant had beaten back the men, when they started to run was denied by eye witnesses, who said workmen, guards and residents of the village fled at the first warning.

Fire Not Incendiary. As in the Black Tom and Kingsland explosions, company officials today declared there was nothing about the blow-up to indicate a plot.

The Dupont officials began a thorough investigation of the cause. The explosion, but so far have declined to say whether they consider it was accidental or incendiary.

Twenty-five explosions have occurred in this plant since the company began making munitions for the allies, but in each instance officials in charge have insisted that they were accidental.

Immediately upon learning what happened, County Prosecutor Dunn sent investigators to the scene to determine the extent and cause of the damage with the idea of beginning an official public investigation of the circumstances warrant.

Starting with a brief flash in what is known as the glazing barrel at Haskell plant, the flames last night spread quickly to the blending house and ate their way toward the big magazines containing a million pounds of powder.

Two States Shaken. With the flash came the warning cry of nearby workmen and in a moment the 300 men on the night force were racing and yelling through the village, rousing the inhabitants as they ran.

The county roundabout was filled with fleeing, terror stricken men, women and children when a little later the earth bumped and shook with the rumbling roar as the first magazine blew up.

Sheds, ramshackle houses and buildings collapsed. Thousands of windows

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Colonel William F. Cody Will Take Last, Long Sleep On Lookout Mountain

Denver, Colo., Jan. 12.—On top of Lookout mountain in a grove that will look down upon the plains where he had the adventures of his youth, Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) will sleep his eternal sleep.

The plains of Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas can be seen from this lofty elevation. It was in these three states that Buffalo Bill lived through many of his stirring exploits which have immortalized his name. Over Lookout and the neighboring peaks the Indians used to roam. Nearby was the meeting place of Chief Colarow and his tribe. Sacred to the memories of the west is the spot, chosen to be the last resting place of "Buffalo" the "long haired man."

As soon as Colonel Cody's death became known city and state officials and organizations of which he was a member, began making arrangements to pay his memory tribute. It was at Mayor Speers' suggestion that Lookout mountain was chosen as the burial place.

Funeral services, which will be in charge of the Massons, will be held Sunday afternoon. After lying in state at the state capital from 10 to 12 o'clock Sunday, the body will be placed in a vault until Decoration day, when it will be moved to Colonel Cody's last resting place.

MRS. THAW WILL AID IN DEFENDING SON

District Attorney to Offer Freedom to Brower for Convicting Testimony

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Mary Copely Thaw will come to Philadelphia and stand by the side of her son, Harry K. Thaw, throughout his trial on the charge of having kidnapped and flogged Frederick Gump, Jr.

It was learned this afternoon that Mrs. Thaw had engaged a suite directly adjoining that of Thaw's in St. Mary's hospital.

Rumors had been in circulation that Mrs. Thaw, raked by the long ordeal of Harry's legal fights and escapades, had decided he must pay the penalty of the latest crime charged against him.

Thaw's condition was better this afternoon than it has been since he slit his throat and wrists. No visitors are permitted. The detectives who are guarding him, fearing a repetition of the sensational cross country escape from Mattewan, are bound to absolute silence.

Detectives Cuniff and Flood of New York, went to the hospital to see Thaw today. They were permitted only as far as the door to officially identify him.

The only words Thaw had spoken to day were "I feel better." He said this to a sister attached to the hospital.

Was Thaw Go-Between. Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 13.—Freedom for evidence and testimony that will send Harry K. Thaw, erratic Pittsburgh millionaire, now recovering from self-inflicted wounds in this city, back to Mattewan, or prison, is the swap the district attorney's office in New York will offer Oliver A. Brower and Walter O'Byrne, it was learned on good authority here today.

Brower is now in Moyamensing prison, awaiting extradition papers from New York, where he is charged with having conspired with Thaw to kidnap 19-year-old Frederick Gump, Jr. O'Byrne is under indictment on the same charge, but police have failed to locate him.

When Assistant District Attorney Black, of New York, declared the state now has sufficient evidence to convict Thaw, it is known that they would go a long distance to secure the testimony of one of Thaw's accomplices or "business men."

Brower was the bearer of the "dear master" letters written by Gump to Thaw. In one of these Gump is supposed to have declared he liked the whippings Thaw administered. The boy mentioned specifically how Thaw had flogged him until he could hardly stand.

Despite intimations of both the prosecution and the defense that Thaw will peacefully back to New York and there stage another bitter fight, a large battalion of lawyers who will fight in the defense have arrived in town. This, it is taken, is an indication that Thaw will fight every step of the road to Mattewan or prison.

Thaw's condition showed a slight improvement today, it was announced at St. Mary's hospital. Physicians are practically certain now that he did not swallow poison tablets before he slashed his throat and wrists. Dr. Elwood Kirby, Thaw's physician, said he believes Thaw will be able to leave the hospital by February 1.

ADOPT SEATTLE METHODS

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13.—Every nook and cranny of the San Francisco steamer P. A. Kilburn was searched today for liquor. The vessel was raised last night by detectives who boarded it at Astoria, disguised as ordinary passengers. They claim to have found and confiscated 160 bottles. No arrests were made, and the hunt was resumed today.

BOTH SIDES THINK PEACE OUTLOOK FAR FROM BRIGHT

British Editorial Comment Bitter—Likens Germany To a Thief

BELIEF IS GERMANY WANTS PEACE BADLY

German Press Says Allies Have Blocked All Chance of Ending War

London, Jan. 13.—British editorial comment today turned from its fulsome phrases of praise of the allied note to bitterest denunciation of Germany's latest appeal for neutral sympathy, made in the note published yesterday. "Berlin's delicious comment," remarked the Daily Mail, "is a mixture of whines and falsehoods. Clearly Germany wouldn't be talking so much about peace if she didn't want it badly, and it is clear it is not only peace but the plunder she has stolen. She can have peace at any moment by returning to her own country and end the 'starvation campaign' by dropping the stolen goods."

The pleas advanced by Germany are so preposterous that their inclusion is almost incredible," declared the Daily News. "The assertion that the lawlessness of the sea began with arbitrary measures taken by Great Britain upon the ears of the nation which in February, 1916, had issued a warning to Germany holding it to a 'strict accountability' for her acts."

The Times pointed out that Germany's complaint of use of colored troops in Europe comes "from the powers which have brought the Turks into Galicia."

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.—German editorial comment today was practically unanimous in the belief that the allied note has blocked all chances for peace at present.

The entente's note establishes that this is a war of conquest on their part—it destroys our last desire for peace," declared an editorial in the Berlin Lokale Anzeiger.

"Now, as heretofore, our enemies will strive for the destruction of Germany until she is a great power," asserted the Tages Zeitung.

The Tageblatt characterized the demands made by "a madly frantic entente," as having "blocked every path leading to peace."

"War by notes is thus exhausted for the present," declared the Taegische Rundschau.

Denmark Still Hopeful. Copenhagen, Jan. 13.—In spite of the character of belligerents' notes, there is belief in Danish diplomatic circles that peace is nearer.

The popular sentiment in Denmark, appears to have changed since September. Then the Danes were willing to fight at the drop of a hat. They are still strongly anti-German, but speculation as to Denmark joining forces with the entente has now ceased.

Minister Maurice Francis Egan, dean of the diplomatic colony here, and for 10 years a confidant of opposing groups in Denmark, sails on February 3 for Washington on a two months' vacation. As a result of his observations he may be able to impart to President Wilson some valuable information as a further means for projecting peace discussions, although definite negotiations now seem impossible until the spring offensive.

Press Seen No Hope. Stockholm, Jan. 13.—Newspaper comment in Denmark generally agreed today that the allies reply to President Wilson blocks peace for the present. The newspaper Tidningen, however, sees some hope of compromise.

The Dagensnyheter declares it is "Germany's duty now to publish her terms."

Hopes of Rescuing Aviators Grow Small

Calexico, Cal., Jan. 13.—Hopes of rescuing Lieutenant Colonel Harry G. Bishop and Lieutenant W. A. Robertson, Jr., army aviators, missing since Wednesday, when they started a flight from San Diego to Calexico, were weakened today by the return of some search parties from the Mexican side, with nothing to report. However, it is possible that if the aviators were forced to descend in the mountainous parts of northern Mexico they found shelter with the hospitable Indians of that section.

Every automobile party leaving for the search is being equipped with five days' rations and water supply by troops at Camp Bacon. The troops are unable to cross the border to participate in the search.

BIG LAND RUSH ON

Burns, Ore., Jan. 13.—Crowds of homesteaders besieged the land office today filling on government acreage. Many stood in line for hours. Men arrived on horseback, in wagons and some in automobiles after exciting drives. It was one of the biggest land rushes in the history of the state. Passage of the 640 acre homestead law caused it.

FIRE SECOND SHOT TO MAKE CERTAIN HUSBAND'S DEATH

"I Am Afraid First Shot Did Not Finish Him" the Woman Said

Denver, Colo., Jan. 13.—Mrs. John Lawrence Smith, who two years ago came to Denver from Eureka, Cal., following a quarrel with her family because she married her father's chauffeur, shot and killed her husband early today after, she claimed, he had beaten and abused her. According to Mrs. Smith's story, Smith came home about 2 a. m. today and immediately started to abuse and beat her, tearing her clothes to pieces. Driven to desperation, Mrs. Smith picked up a .22 automatic pistol and shot Smith, who fell to the floor. John Bendle, cook in the household, heard the shot and rushed upstairs. As he reached the door of the bedroom and before he could interfere, he saw Mrs. Smith, her almost nude body covered with bloody scratches and marks where her husband had beaten her, stoop over her husband's body.

With the remark, "I'm afraid that first shot didn't finish him," she placed the pistol against Smith's mouth and blew the top of his head off with another shot, according to the story Bendle told the police. He is being held as a witness.

Mrs. Smith, at the time she married Smith, was the divorced wife of William A. Moore, son of the late Bishop Moore, of the Methodist church. She was the adopted daughter of Alex Britton, a wealthy oil man, formerly of Beaumont, Texas, and Tulsa, Okla., but now living at Eureka, Cal.

Following her divorce from Moore, Mrs. Smith returned to her stepfather's home at Eureka. While there she married Smith, her father's chauffeur in June, 1913.

The couple had been living apart for several months due, it is declared by Mrs. Smith, to her husband's drinking habits. Mrs. Smith is said to own valuable oil properties, from which she derives an independent income.

HUBBARD MEN ARE SEVERELY INJURED BY STUMP PULLER

L. A. Braden and R. C. Dement Struck by Sweep When Cable Gave Way

(Capital Journal Special Service.) Hubbard, Or., Jan. 13.—Yesterday afternoon two prominent residents of this section were badly hurt while engaged in clearing land. L. A. Braden and father in law, R. C. Dement, were working with a captain stump puller when the cable gave way and the sweep swung back striking both of them. Mr. Braden had his right leg broken and was badly mangled. He was taken to a Portland hospital today. Mr. Dement was severely bruised about the head and shoulders and his left ear torn away.

The injured men own a large tract of land near Hubbard and Mr. Dement is also a large land owner in Coos county.

Silverton Wins Debate. Last night in the University of Oregon high school debating league, Silverton's team won over Hubbard high. The question was, "Resolved that Oregon should adopt a liability insurance law embodying the essential principles of the standard bill of the American association for labor legislation."

The Silverton team had the affirmative of the question. At Canby last night, also, the other Hubbard team took the affirmative side of the same question and won over the Canby high team.

CHINESE MINERS KILLED

Tokio, Jan. 13.—An explosion in the Fushun colliery in Manchuria today buried 900 Chinese miners, according to advices reaching here. Only 130 have been saved so far and it is feared the other 770 have perished.

DECIDES TO SEND NATIONAL GUARD HOME BY MARCH

Administration Plans To Send Militia Boys Home In Few Weeks

GENERAL PERSHING TO WITHDRAW HIS TROOPS

Those Who Should Know Say Boys Will Start Home Within Two Weeks

By J. P. Yoder (United Press staff correspondent) Washington, Jan. 13.—The administration plans to strip the border of its militia guard before March 1. Such action will be taken after General Pershing's column is withdrawn. Pershing's withdrawal is slated for an early date.

According to the present program, official announced to this effect will be forthcoming at the Monday final session of the American-Mexican peace commission in New York City.

Still another step in a changed policy toward Mexico will be the sending of Ambassador Fletcher to Mexico City. From official sources information about the troop withdrawal plan was given to the United Press.

The actual work of withdrawing Pershing's forces will start very soon after the commission's session, according to present plans.

Pershing in touch with war department affairs felt confident that the troops will be on their way back to the border within two weeks.

When these forces have been distributed, the administration will stage the militiamen toward home. March 1 is given as the outside date for choosing these men.

The Mexicans already have been informed of the dissolution of the peace conference. Monday they will be acquainted with this government's aims and purposes toward Carranza.

The troop withdrawal, they probably will be told, is a proposition entirely independent of Carranza's demand for such removal and of his refusal to ratify the Atlantic City troop withdrawal protocol.

Market Was Stagnant and War Stocks Weaken

New York, Jan. 13.—The New York Evening Sun financial review today says: The outstanding feature in today's short session of the stock market was the utter absence of public interest and the almost complete stagnation. Conditions are determined to stand aloof until there is some clearer conception of the peace situation.

Meanwhile there is a turning away from the war stocks in some measure and the so-called peace stocks are receiving more attention.

In the first hour of trading the turnover was upward of 70,000 shares, against better than 300,000 in yesterday's session. Price movements were narrow in the extreme and tended to indicate any definite trend whatever.

United States steel reflected the movements on the industrial list and the railroads as well, or rather that portion in which there were any sales. The rails were even more neglected than the others.

The copper group was firm. There was some lazy backing in the late trading but price changes with few exceptions were unimportant.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair tonight; Sunday fair, warmer east portion; westerly winds.

