

TO FIGHT RACETRACKS.

POOLSELLERS IN ARMS.

Cry "One Law for Belmont, Another for De Lacey."

The municipal finger was indirectly inserted in the poolroom pie yesterday, Mayor McClellan announcing that he was investigating the laws governing racetrack bookmaking.

Poolroom men declared that they would at once begin such a campaign against the race-track people as will either effect a compromise or drive horse-racing, like prize-fighting, from the State.

Colonel McClellan was asked whether in his opinion the campaign against gambling in the poolrooms on the results of the races ought to be extended to the racetracks.

"But I have always understood," said he, "that what is known as the Percy Gray Racing law gives racing associations the right to permit bookmaking at the tracks.

When the Mayor's attention was called to this he repeated that the question of deciding whether the Percy-Gray law authorized bookmaking at the track was a matter for the Court of Appeals.

"It is not for me as Mayor to decide on the morals of the law," he said.

It is understood that the constitutional nature of the Percy-Gray law was affirmed by the Court of Appeals more than five years ago.

Relying partly on the fact that they were not actually taking bets on the races, the poolroom exchange managers arrested in Friday's raids will contest their arrests and the withdrawal of their telephone instruments.

Nearly all the poolroom men raided on Friday were "tipped off," it was said yesterday, that they were to be arrested.

While in the event of the telephone companies living up to their promise to Commissioner McClellan these rooms will never obtain another telephone, it is asserted that it will be easy to hire the telephones under other names.

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NEW BATTLESHIP RECORD

MADE BY THE KENTUCKY.

She Sails 3,956 Miles at Average of 13.8 Knots—Evans in Command.

The battleship Kentucky anchored off Tompkinsville at 10 a. m. yesterday, having made a new record for a long distance run for a battleship. She beat the world's record for battleships by making the run of 12,699 miles from Hong Kong to New-York at an average speed of 12.7 knots an hour.

The Kentucky would have beaten the Kearsarge by a larger margin had she not met an accident. The piston ring of the fourth high pressure cylinder crumbled, and she had to stop for two hours and thirty-two minutes for repairs to be made.

Rear Admiral Evans left here for Washington soon after the Kentucky dropped anchor.

It is difficult to afford adequate protection to American missionaries and traders in the more remote portions of Manchuria.

Speaking of affairs along the Pacific, Admiral Evans said:

"This agitation against battleships is foolish. It can be best answered in the Yankee fashion by asking this question: 'How long would the Russian fleet stay in Port Arthur if there were no Japanese battleships outside?'

At Naples, which the battleship made on April 29, the fleets of France and Italy were drawn up opposite each other in two long lines.

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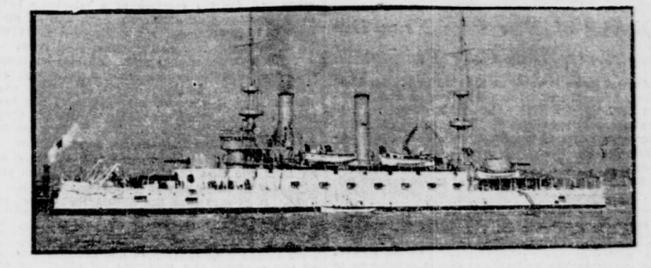
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THE BATTLESHIP KENTUCKY, OFF TOMPKINSVILLE.



PARKER BOOM SAGGING.

Friends of Cleveland Working for ex-President's Nomination.

The Parker campaign managers are alarmed at the way the Parker boom is sagging, and have discovered unmistakable evidence that prominent Wall Street Democrats are in favor of sidetracking Parker for Cleveland.

The Cleveland men in the Tilden and Manhattan clubs are quietly pushing along the Cleveland boom, and they have made more headway in the last week than at any previous time, because of the weakening of Parker in the West and South.

There is no longer any doubt, many Democratic politicians say, that Cleveland wants the nomination again. His talk with a representative of The Tribune at his home in Princeton two months ago indicated that he was a receptive candidate, but did not expect to be chosen at St. Louis.

The State conventions recently have shown a lack of warmth toward the Parker boom, and there are indications, politicians say, that Parker will fall of nomination.

Another thing being talked about by the Cleveland boomers is that Tammany Hall is tentatively committed to his candidacy, and would fall into line behind him in the belief that Hill would be a stranger in the White House should Cleveland be elected.

The Southern Democrats do not care particularly who the candidate is. They held the post-offices while Cleveland was President, and they are becoming desperately hungry for the offices once more.

A member of the board of governors of the Tilden Club, where the Parker boom was launched about a year ago, said to a Tribune reporter yesterday:

"It looks more and more like Cleveland. Hill has spoiled Democratic prospects in this State and has worked up a feeling of antagonism that warrants the prediction that Parker could not carry the State if he should get the nomination.

The naming of Cleveland for the fourth time would place Tammany men in a peculiar position. They do not love Cleveland, but they hate Hill and his machinations, and the fear of ascendancy by the Hill-Carroll-Belmont combination would drive them into a fairly solid support of Cleveland.

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DR. DAY ELECTED BISHOP.

Methodists Now Have Filled List of General Superintendents.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 21.—Dr. J. R. Day, chancellor of Syracuse University, was chosen today by the Methodist General Conference to-day on the fourteenth ballot, receiving 474 out of the 696 ballots cast.

The result of the balloting will not be announced until Monday, but it is said on good authority that I. B. Scott, colored, was elected missionary bishop to Africa, and W. F. Oldham, of Chicago, and J. E. Robinson, of Bengal, Ind., were elected missionary bishops to Southern Asia.

The committee on state of the Church has decided by a large majority, after a warm discussion, to recommend to the General Conference that it prepare a petition to Congress on the subjects of polygamy and divorce. It will ask Congress, if the report of the committee is adopted, to enact a constitutional amendment providing uniform divorce laws in all the States and Territories.

The question of individual communion cups also has been thrashed out in the committee, and the report will recommend that a rule be adopted making it possible for any church to adopt individual cups by a two-thirds vote of the membership of a quarterly conference.

ATTEMPT TO KILL CZAR. Pilot Train Reported Wrecked—Several Lives Lost.

Paris, May 22.—The "Petit Journal" St. Petersburg correspondent reports that an attempt was made to wreck the train bearing the Emperor on his tour at the Kremenzug station. The pilot train, which preceded that of the Emperor, was thrown from the track, and there were several victims of the plot.

THE OREL NEARLY LOST. Rumors That Battleship Was Badly Damaged on Way to Cronstadt.

St. Petersburg, May 21.—Reports, which, however, lack confirmation, are in circulation here that the Russian battleship Orel, while on her way to Cronstadt to receive her armament, sustained damage which rendered it difficult to keep her afloat. The Orel, which is a new vessel, went aground in the Neva recently, but was floated.

MINE SANK THE HATSUSE. Russians Cling to Belief in Damage to Another Battleship.

St. Petersburg, May 21.—Details of Rear Admiral Wittsoett's mail dispatch, which were not made public, establish the fact that mines planted by the Russian torpedo boats were responsible for the destruction of the Hatsuse and the damage sustained by another battleship of the Fujii type off Port Arthur. It is said that no submarine mines were sent out of Port Arthur. The suppression of the statement regarding the mines was due to the fact that it explained where they were located. Each mine contained seventy-four pounds of gunpowder.

GOES TO SEE ABOUT CONVENTION. Sergeant-at-Arms Stone Starts for Chicago.

Baltimore, May 21.—William F. Stone, sergeant-at-arms of the Republican National Committee, left here for Chicago to-night to arrange the details for the meeting of the Republican National Convention at St. Louis on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

CONGRESSMAN'S GOOD HORSE TRADE. Sells Animal at Auction for \$10 More Than He Had Just Paid.

Congressman James W. Wadsworth, of Genesee County, made a record as a horse dealer at an auction room in this city yesterday, and, on the strength of it, his friends are urging him to move to New-York and sell horses. The Congressman had a fine horse, a bay, which he had just bought for \$100. He sold it for \$110.

THE NEW-HAVEN ASSAULT CASE. Young Woman Is Daughter of Professor Richards—Assault Still at Large.

New-Haven, Conn., May 21.—It was learned to-day that the young woman who was assaulted in Humphreys-st. Thursday evening by an unknown negro is a daughter of Charles B. Richards, professor of mechanical engineering in the Yale Scientific School. The police are working hard to find the girl's assailant.

RAILROAD TO HARRIMAN'S HOUSE. Work to Begin Immediately on \$500,000 Villa in Ramapo Mountains.

Middletown, N. Y., May 21.—E. H. Harriman was at his Arden estate to-day conferring with contractors in regard to the building of his \$500,000 villa at the top of Tower Hill, the tallest peak of the Ramapo Mountains. It is said that work will be begun immediately. The house will be built after the design of an Italian villa, and will be on the shores of Forest Lake, an artificial body of water.

PITTSBURG BUCKET SHOPS HARD HIT. Pittsburg, May 21.—Bucket shops in this city were hard hit yesterday morning. One shop is said to have lost \$90,000. On Wednesday, after one quotation of 184 1/2 had been received on the ticker for Delaware and Hudson, open orders to sell the stock at 18 1/2 or better began to pour into the shops. An hour later the tape registered 29 shares at 18 1/2. There are fifty bucket shops in Pittsburg. The orders were for 50 shares and upward, and the aggregate winnings must have exceeded \$100,000. Thursday morning the first sale on Delaware and Hudson came at 15 1/2. The sales made the bucket shops a hot market, and the price fell to 14 1/2, making a net profit of 4. On Friday morning orders came before the opening to buy Missouri, Kansas and Texas preferred at 34 1/2, but were turned down. Missouri, Kansas and Texas preferred opened at 34, showing that the game had been given up.

A SORTIE FROM PORT ARTHUR.

JAPANESE TROOPS SAID TO HAVE LOST A THOUSAND MEN—THE OREL DAMAGED.

Wreck of the Bogatyr Credited—Fighting Near Taku-Shan—Repulse of Russians in Corea.

A thousand Japanese soldiers were killed or wounded in a sortie made by General Stoessel's forces at Port Arthur, according to advices received by the officials at St. Petersburg. Details of the attack were conflicting.

The battleship Orel, it was reported from the Russian capital, was badly damaged on her way to Cronstadt, and narrowly escaped sinking. The story of the Bogatyr's wreck finds credence in St. Petersburg, despite official denials, and it was reported from Kobé that she had been destroyed. A mine caused the loss of the Hatsuse.

Skirmishes took place north of Taku-Shan, a Russian troop of cavalry sustaining heavy loss south of Feng-Wang-Cheng and north of Wonsan. The movements of General Kuroki's army remain doubtful.

WRECK OF THE BOGATYR. STOESSEL MAKES SALLY.

Cruiser's Stranding Reaffirmed Despite Official Denials.

St. Petersburg, May 21.—In spite of the continued denials from the admiralty here, reports from Russian sources persistently repeat that the Russian protected cruiser Bogatyr is on the rocks near Vladivostok. Her exact position is not given, and Rear Admiral Jeezen, according to the reports, is making determined efforts to save her, with good chances of success.

It is known positively that the Bogatyr has not been blown up. It is believed to be likely, however, that the Japanese will make an attempt to stop the salvage operations. There is a large dock at Vladivostok, and if the Bogatyr can be placed in it, the necessary repairs will be effected without difficulty.

London, May 21.—A dispatch to "The St. James's Gazette" from Kobé, dated to-day, after confirming the report of the stranding of the Russian protected cruiser Bogatyr on the rocks near the entrance to Vladivostok, adds that the Bogatyr subsequently was blown up by the Russians to prevent her capture by the Japanese.

The Bogatyr, whose loss is partially confirmed, was a fine cruiser of 6,700 tons displacement and 25,000 normal horsepower. She was completed at the Vulcan Works, Stettin, in 1902. She was 465 feet long, had 54 1/2 feet beam, and drew 20 1/2 feet of water. The armament of the Bogatyr consisted of twelve 6-inch guns, twelve 3-inch guns, six 1.8-inch guns, two 1.4-inch guns and two smaller rapid fire guns. She had six torpedo tubes, her armored deck was two inches thick, and she had five inches of nickel-steel armor over her gun positions. The speed of the Bogatyr was estimated to be more than twenty-three knots, she could carry 1,100 tons of coal and her crew numbered 550 men.

Che-Foo, May 21.—There is a rumor among the Chinese here that a battle was fought on the Liao-Tung Peninsula to-day. It cannot, however, be confirmed.

RUSSIAN FORCE ROUTED. Heavy Loss of Cavalry Squadron Near Taku-Shan.

Tokio, May 21.—The Japanese forces which landed at Taku-Shan on Thursday surrounded and routed a force of Russian cavalry at 7 o'clock on Friday evening in the neighborhood of Wang-Chi-Fung, seven miles north of Taku-Shan. The Russian force, which consisted of about one squadron, lost many men killed or wounded, as well as a captain, who was captured. The Japanese sustained no losses.

FORTRESS JAPAN'S AIM. Kuroki's Move Part of Plan to Invest Port Arthur.

New-Chwang, May 20 (delayed in transmission).—The official news received yesterday regarding the fighting which resulted in the retreat of the Japanese on Feng-Wang-Cheng, but there is good authority for saying that the Japanese movements in the direction of Liao-Yang and Hai-Cheng were for the purpose of causing the Russians in this vicinity to move northward, thus giving the Japanese an opportunity to complete their preparations to capture Port Arthur. When the Japanese begin a determined movement in this vicinity, it will be from Feng-Wang-Cheng and New-Chwang. They believe that it does not matter what may be the fate of the Yalu army if they can continue to control the sea and Port Arthur.

The Japanese are still fortifying the hills on the neck of land between Tallen-Wan and Kin-Chow bays. Many rapid fire guns, protected by sandbags, have been mounted there, with the object of resisting a sortie of the beleaguered garrison.

A spy set fire to the woodwork of the water tanks of the local railroad station this afternoon. It is believed this was part of a plot to injure the railroad.

RUSSIAN SCOUTS BUSY. No Japanese Found West of Siu-Yen—A Skirmish.

St. Petersburg, May 21.—The Emperor has received the following dispatch from General Kuropatkin, under date of May 20: The reconnoissances of May 19 failed to show any sign of the enemy in the valleys of the Sedzyk and the Ussing, a tributary of the Sedzyk, as far as the village of Deoutoidakou, on the main road from Siu-Yen to Feng-Wang-Cheng. A detachment of the Japanese vanguard numbering three hundred men, occupied the village of Deopudza on the same road. A Japanese battalion was posted five miles beyond Slaskhanki, and at least a division, including Guard regiments, was stationed five kilometers further on toward Khabalou.

A body of Cossacks on May 19 encountered three troops of Japanese cavalry near the village of Pypouza, eleven miles southwest of Feng-Wang-Cheng. The Cossacks attacked and pursued the Japanese to Pypouza, where they encountered some Japanese infantry, who had prepared an ambush, which, however, was discovered in time. The Cossacks had two men wounded, one horse killed and two wounded.

No trace of the enemy was found in the mountains between Kal-Ping and Siu-Yen. The general staff has received from Lieutenant General Sakharoff the following dispatch, under date of to-day: In the last few days our cavalry has discovered movements of Japanese detachments on the Liao-Yang main road toward Chapiuta and beyond. Altogether more than a regiment has passed in this direction with artillery. On the main road from Liao-Yang to Saliinjan a battalion of infantry and a regiment of cavalry were seen.

WARSHIPS ON THE ALERT. Togo Reports a Reconnaissance Under Fire.

London, May 21.—A dispatch to the Japanese Legation from Tokio says Vice-Admiral Togo reported to-day as follows: The gunboat squadron and the torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boat flotillas approached Port Arthur yesterday for the purpose of reconnoitering, which was successfully effected with little damage, in spite of a hot crossfire from the forts. There were no casualties on our side.

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