

DREDGER CHAIN FOULED WITH OLD ANCHOR AND NOT LOST SUBMARINE

Despair Supplants Hope in Search for Ill-fated F-4 When Diver Discovers Effort Been Expended in Raising Anchor.

LOCATION OF CRAFT IS STILL MYSTERY

Upon Receipt of Report from Diver Orders Are Issued That Dredging Operations Be Resumed With Renewed Energy

(By Associated Press.) HONOLULU, March 28—

F-4 has been definitely located outside the harbor. Portions of her superstructure were brought to the surface. The dredges California will shift her mooring, and tugs will criss-cross in all directions. If the drags catch on the submarine, a chain net will be woven around her and a floating crane from Pearl Harbor will attempt a direct lift.

HONOLULU, March 28—

Despair supplanted hope in the search for the submarine F-4, submerged since Thursday morning, when two divers discovered that the chains of the dredger California which had been fouled with something on the floor of the ocean outside the harbor since Friday afternoon were not attached to the lost craft but to an old anchor, believed lost by the battleship Oregon.

All the resources of the naval officers had been employed for two days and nights in an effort to raise this anchor. Streams of bubbles rising to the surface, and patches of oil, encouraged the belief that the chains were lodged on the submarine which disappeared Thursday morning.

Early today a diver named Agraz, clad only in a jersey suit slightly reinforced, and wearing a diver's helmet, descended in a heroic attempt to reach the lower end of the 215 feet of chain. For 22 minutes he was going down. Then after a brief and anxious wait Agraz signalled to be pulled up. Nine and one half minutes from the time the signal was received he was on the surface again showing no ill effects from the unusual performance, said by naval officers to be a world's record for deep sea diving.

Agraz reported the chain was fouled with an old anchor, and that there was no

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Amos A. Betts Probably Elected Over Mrs. Abbot

Though no additional figures or corrections from any of the school districts constituting the Phoenix Union high school district were received yesterday it appears that an error was made in the tabulation of the figures collected by the Republican on Saturday night. On the face of those figures, therefore, A. A. Betts has a plurality of two votes over Mrs. E. H. Abbot. The error was in the omission of the Alhambra vote from the tabulation, though the vote of that district appeared in the list. With-

GERMAN AND RUSSIAN SOLDIERS FIGHT DUEL

BERLIN, March 28.—The standstill status of things in the trenches in East Prussia got on the nerves of both sides so much that today a German and a Russian sharp shooter rose from the trenches simultaneously and advanced toward each other, prepared for a duel. Inculcated with the sporting spirit of the thing, the other soldiers withheld their fire. The men advanced a few paces, stopped at the same time, raised their rifles and fired together. The Russian fell dead.

RAILROADS PLAN TO FIGHT LOWER RATES BY CANAL

Would First Fix Rates to Phoenix and Other Intermountain Points so That Cut in Tariffs to Coast Would Not Apply

Determined to fight water competition and to fight it successfully the transcontinental railroads have come back to the interstate commerce commission asking for modifications in the intermountain rate decision that would put Phoenix and cities similarly located entirely off the rate map so far as coast terminals are concerned. This has been made public following the receipt and analysis of the railroad's requests at the office of the corporation commission. Hearing of the petition for a revision of the recent order is set for April 12 at Washington. Pending a decision in the matter, the date when the intermountain order becomes effective has been postponed to June 1.

In sharp contrast to the stipulation of the intermountain order, which made rates to intermountain points depend on through rates to the coast, and prescribed percentages of increase, the proposed change would establish tariffs on less-than-carload shipments absolutely independent of the charge for the long haul, and which would be in no way affected by any reduction in the carriers' rates to Pacific terminals in the future. Carrying out this plan the carriers have asked permission to make the rates on less-than-carload shipments from Missouri river points eighty per cent of present class rates from such points of origin, and to make these new fixed rates the basis of charges from Chicago, Pittsburg and New York. In other words, the carriers want a fixed schedule of rates to Phoenix, Reno and Spokane on all shipments less than carloads and want to be free to cut rates to the coast as low as they choose without affecting inland and intermountain points.

Existing class rates from the Missouri river to Phoenix are:

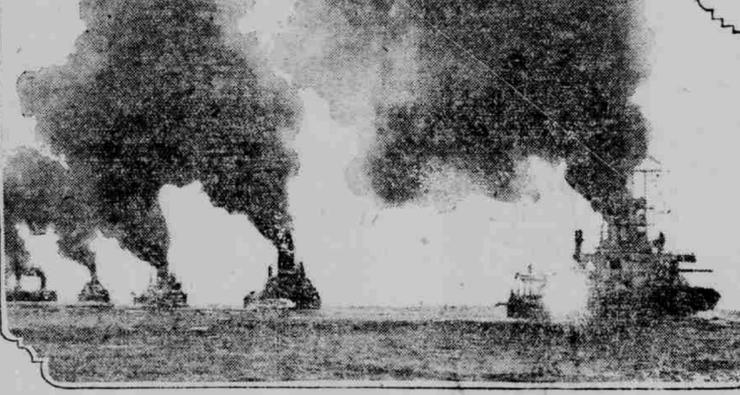
Table with 4 columns: Class, 1, 2, 3, 4. Row 1: Rate \$2.50, \$2.17, \$1.83, \$1.58. (Continued on Page Four)

CREMATORY WIRE SENDS THREE TO DEATH, AND SHOCKS OTHERS

LOS ANGELES, March 28.—Corney Valkoh, his wife and Harris Skinner, are dead and two women are in a serious condition as a result of shocks received when they came in contact with a live wire that had broken and dropped into a puddle of water in Valkoh's back yard. Two small daughters of the Valkoh's narrowly escaped the same fate, when they rushed to the assistance of their stricken parents, only to be dragged away by a policeman who was severely shocked.

Valkoh was entering his yard to procure a rabbit for a birthday dinner. The rabbits were confined in a small cage, with a metal gate. Surrounding the cage a large puddle of water had collected from the heavy rain of last night. Into this a wire carrying 2200 volts of current connecting with a neighboring crematory had fallen across the gate of the cage. Unaware of the fatal connections of the cage, Valkoh took hold only to fall dead. Mrs. Valkoh, noting her husband's plight, rushed to his assistance, only to meet death from the fatal short circuit. Harris Skinner, a neighbor went to the aid of the stricken man and woman and met the same fate. Unaware of the danger, the two little daughters of the Valkoh's Anna and Agnes, were about to enter the pool of water, when Policeman A. T. Staten, attracted by the children's cries, grabbed them by their hair braids and dragged them to safety none to soon. In doing this, however, the officer came in contact with the

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF AMERICAN SHIPS ARE SUNK BY SUBMARINES? EXPERTS DECLARE UNCLE SAM IS NOW UNPREPARED TO BACK UP ULTIMATUM



Admiral Fletcher (left) and General Hugh L. Scott; North Atlantic fleet and U. S. cavalry on the march.

AUSTRALIA TO SEND MORE MEN TO AID BRITAIN

Minister for Defense Announces Government Has Decided to Dispatch 10,000 Men to Aid Mother Country in April

MELBOURNE, March 28.—The Australian government has decided to dispatch 10,000 men in April. This is in addition to the regular monthly quota of 3,000 men which have been promised for the reinforcement of the Australian contingent of 25,000 men already in Egypt. The ten thousand men to be sent away in April and the first and second contingents, including the tropical defense forces now garrisoning Pacific islands, and the regular monthly quotas would make a total of about 60,000 men furnished by the Commonwealth since the outbreak of the war.

QUIT IN DARDANELLES UNTIL MINE SWEEPERS COMPLETE THEIR WORK

Fate of Turkey and Probably Future Policy of Italy and the Balkan States depends Upon Success of Operations

TURKS FAIL IN BLACK SEA FIGHT

Russian Report Says Turks Attempted Offensive on Black Sea Coast But Are Thrown Back to the Ark

LONDON, March 28.—It is supposed that operations in the Dardanelles have been suspended until the allied mine sweepers complete their work. The fate of Turkey and probably the future policy of Italy and the Balkan states depends upon the success of these operations. The German submarines are busy in the North sea again.

Turk Offensive Fails. PETROGRAD, March 28.—The chief Russian army headquarters of the Caucasus issued this statement today: "On March 26, the Turks attempted an offensive on the Black sea coast but was thrown back to the left bank of the Arkhik. In the Chorokh pass our units continue to drive the Turks toward Artvin. Toward the Sankankul mountains and the valley of Alskert there have been minor engagements. In other directions there are no modifications of the situation."

CHARGED WITH DISROBING AND LASHING TWO KENTUCKY GIRLS

ROCKPORT, Ky., March 28.—A special term of the Butler County Court will sit this week to try the cases against the sensational eight riders, known as the "possum hunters," who are accused of blindfolding, disrobing and lashing with whips two girls, members of a prominent Kentucky family. Feeling runs high at the court house, and additional deputies are on guard to prevent any demonstration. The grand jury has indicted many prominent men and well-to-do men of the district in connection with the escapades of the "possum hunters."

It is likely that the damage suits filed by the young women against 36 prominent men who are alleged to have been connected with the night riders will also be tried at this term of court. They are seeking \$10,000 damages each. The suits were filed on March 6 by Louella and Katherine Webster, members of a prominent family, who allege they were attacked in their home by the possum hunters. They charge they were blindfolded, dragged into the cold and then disrobed by the men. They named 36 wealthy Butler county men. When

VICE PRESIDENT GIVEN OVATION AT SAN DIEGO

President of Exposition, Army and Navy Officers, Citizens Committee and Great Crowd Greeted Mr. Marshall on Arrival

SAN DIEGO, March 28.—Headed by President G. A. Davidson of the exposition, army and navy officers and a citizens committee, a great crowd welcomed Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall upon his arrival here at noon. With the vice-president were Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Owen Winston and Mrs. Livingstone Davis.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, arrived at 5 p. m. on the torpedo destroyer Paul Jones accompanied by Owen Winston and Livingstone Davis, from San Pedro.

Graciously declining offers of entertainment, the vice-president announced he preferred to observe the Sabbath. Tonight he attended a Presbyterian church with President

SMUGGLING TRICKS IN FAR ITALY

Contraband Materials Crossing Into Austria in Spite of Utmost Vigilance by Italian Military and Police

VENICE, March 28.—Notwithstanding all the vigilance of the Italian customs officials, large quantities of contraband, chiefly provisions and metals, are daily crossing the frontier to Austria. The traffic is mostly by rail through Pontebba, but a good deal is also going by sea from Venice. Austrian and German agents are travelling all over Italy offering most exorbitant prices for all kinds of supplies urgently needed in those countries. So long as through freight trains are permitted to be sent from Italy to Austria it will be practically impossible for the customs officials to prevent this traffic.

Many and ingenious are the tricks to which the dealers in contraband goods resort. Sulphate of copper was found in a shipment of twelve hundred tons of sulphur, and a ship purporting to be loaded with sand was really carrying flour, hidden beneath a thin layer of the sand. Several railway passengers have been travelling with suspiciously large quantities of baggage. When the trunks of one of these were opened, they were found to contain several hundred pounds of tin.

A common device is to store large quantities of provisions in some point near the frontier, and then smuggle them across in casks and even by hand. As there is only one customs officer to about three miles of boundary it is comparatively easy to do this. Moreover, in these cases of small quantities of food, the officials are inclined to be lenient, thinking that it will go chiefly to feed their Italian fellow countrymen in the Trentino. Needless to say everything possible is done on the Austrian side of the border to encourage and facilitate all this contraband traffic. The small storekeepers and peasants are freely permitted to cross the frontier and sell anything they can to the Italians in exchange for food. Small steamers and sailing vessels are daily leaving Venice and other Adriatic ports, with cargoes professedly destined for some other Italian port. These creep along the shore and finally slip across to some Austrian or Hungarian port, preferably one where there is no Italian consular agent to ask incriminating questions when the ships' papers have to be authenticated for returning to Italy. Customs officials say that the only way to prevent this traffic would be to place an official on board each vessel until it is unloaded, which can hardly be done. This contraband business is largely conducted by Italians residing in Austria-Hungary. It is enormously profitable. Recently one of these agents purchased tin in England at 375 a ton, and re-sold it for shipment to Austria for \$175 a ton. For grain, especially wheat, and also for rice and macaroni, the most extravagant sums are offered. Copper and other metals and American lubricating oils are greatly sought after. The port at Genoa is crowded with shipping, and the dock warehouses are filled to overflowing with goods largely contraband intended for Austria and Germany. Immense stocks of provisions and metals are stored at this moment in Venice awaiting the first favorable opportunity for getting them across the frontier. Four freight trains are going daily from Italy into Austria, through Pontebba.

Movie Men Wage Warm Fight Against Pennsylvania Censor

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 28.—When the Legislative Committee meets Tuesday, the big fight of the film men against J. Louis Breitinger, chief censor of motion pictures will come up for consideration. The movie men have asked the dismissal of the censor, who they charge is "drunk with power", and they have flatly refused to obey his order to display certificates with every picture shown. The film men will ask today, it is believed, for the repeal of the law which gave the censor the power which they claim he has arrogantly abused. The supporters of Breitinger are allied with a church organization, the Holy Name Society. Bishop John J. McLaughlin of the Catholic church and delegates representing 50,000 members of that society, have endorsed the censor, and declared that about the enactment of the present censorship laws. The society has declared itself against what they claim is an "effort to make money at the expense of the community's morals."