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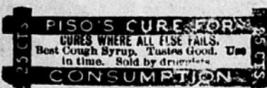


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HALIFAX, N. S., SHAKEN BY EXPLOSION OF POWDER PLANT TEN MILES DISTANT.

SOME LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED NUMBER OF WORKMEN ABOUT THE PREMISES WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 27.—An explosion shook the city of Halifax during the day, the buildings rocking as if affected by an earthquake.

A report from Waverly, ten miles away, says that the concussion was caused by the blowing up of the dry-house of the Acadian Powder company near that place.

It is believed that several lives were lost. The explosion occurred in the dry-house of the plant, which contained 700 cases of Pellet powder. A number of workmen were about the premises before the explosion took place.

In this city many windows were shattered, many doors of the stores and shops, locked for the day, were blown open, while considerable damage was done in other ways by the shaking of buildings.

OVERCOME BY SMOKE.

Four Men Suffocated in Fires in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Four men were suffocated and eight other persons were rescued from fires in different parts of the city early in the day. At a boardinghouse in Wood street, Charles McCusker, aged forty-four years; James Merr, forty-eight years, and Joseph McGill, fifty-four years, died in a trap made by themselves. Against the wishes and knowledge of their boardinghouse keeper the three men took a quantity of whiskey up to their room. They placed one of the two beds in the apartment against the boardinghouse keeper. After the men had retired a lighted candle fell from a mantle on the greasy woolen clothes of one of the boarders. The clothing was ignited and the room was soon filled with thick smoke. McGill was awakened by the smoke, but was unable to move the bed from the door and fell to the floor unconscious. The boardinghouse keeper discovered the smoke and when the room was broken into McCusker, McGill and Merr were found dead.

At 1136 Fairmont avenue Edward Rathline, aged twenty-five years, was also suffocated. It is believed that he set the bed clothes on fire with a lighted cigar and in trying to leave the room crawled into a closet by mistake, where he was found dead.

ICE BOATS IN COLLISION.

Three Persons Killed and Three Others Seriously Injured.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Three men were killed and three more seriously hurt in a crash of two ice boats speeding before a gale of wind at the rate of fifty miles an hour on Onondaga lake. The dead are James Clarkson, Charles Markham and George Todd, all of this city.

The accident occurred after the first of the season's regattas of the Onondaga Lake Ice Yacht club, which attracted fully 1,500 persons to the lake. Over its glary surface a fierce gale drove the fleet of ice yachts at express train speed. Toward the close of the afternoon the Warner brothers, with Frank Warner at the tiller, bore up the lake with the wind abaft, the Blitz, with Caleb Joss steering, approaching in the opposite direction. Each craft carried five persons. As the yachts neared each other it was seen that a collision would result should each hold to its course. Then came the blunder. Each skipper veered in the same direction and again in the opposite direction. The crash came in an instant, the yachts plowing into each other head-on with such force that a second later they laid upon the ice in a tangle of splinters, broken cordage and insensible bodies.

NINPO BECOMING RESTIVE.

Want Russian Punished for Murder of Countryman.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.—The Russian consul has made no reply to the demand of the taotal for the surrender of the sailor belonging to the Russian cruiser Askold, who, on Dec. 15, murdered a Chinaman as the result of a dispute over payment for the hire of a jiriksha. The sailor is still on board the cruiser, where he was sent by the consul and where it was understood he would be tried by courtmartial. The taotal has applied to the foreign board at Peking for further instructions. The Ninpo community is becoming restive.

LIVE BOY IN MORGUE.

Fright of Gloomy Place Said to Have Killed Him.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—It is alleged that Eric Finley, the five-year-old son of William Finley, who died at the isolation hospital lately, was placed in the morgue before he was really dead.

The little fellow fell from the slab and crawled to the door of the morgue. There he set up the cry: "Take me to daddy, I'm cold. Take me to daddy." The child was removed from the morgue and lived for nearly a week. It is said his death was due to the fright. The authorities are investigating.

TWO WOMEN CREMATED.

Fatal Fire Follows a Christmas Celebration.

New York, Dec. 27.—Two women lost their lives and two other persons were overcome by smoke in a fire in Allen street early in the morning. The fire followed a Christmas celebration.

ORGANIC UNION PLANNED.

All Presbyterian Bodies Under Control of Federal Council.

New York, Dec. 27.—Official announcement is expected this week, according to the Times, of the details of the plan whereby it is hoped to bring all the religious bodies of the United States having a Presbyterian form of government into one organization which, while not providing for cooperative work that has not before existed. The plan provides for the organization of a federal council of the reformed churches in the United States of America holding the Presbyterian system.

The plan of federation, if carried out, would bring into one organization the 2,000,000 or more members of Presbyterian and reformed churches and will be made public this week in order that it may be thoroughly discussed and may be acted upon in the synods and assemblies of the various bodies next spring. The aim is to secure the approval of the various supreme judiciaries to the general plan and to have the committees continued and instructed to prepare a definite plan for adoption a year hence.

It is provided in the plan, continues the Times, that the churches joining the federation shall preserve their individualities in their creeds, forms of government and worship, and every right, power and jurisdiction not specifically conferred on the federal council. Representatives of the various churches in the council shall be regulated by the number of communicants in the affiliated bodies on the basis of four representatives for each 100,000 communicants up to 300,000 and four additional representatives for each additional 200,000 communicants.

IN THE HANDS OF JAPANESE

ALL RUSSIAN POSITIONS FRONTING RIGHT WING OF BESIEGERS AT PORT ARTHUR.

Tokio, Dec. 27.—The Port Arthur besiegers occupied Talluchiatun on Saturday. It is officially announced that the whole of the Russian advanced positions in front of the Japanese right have fallen.

The following report was received from the besiegers at Port Arthur Sunday morning:

"A body of our right wing surprised the enemy at Housanyantun (Housanyantun?) and Sifantun, the latter about six and a half miles northeast of Port Arthur, at 10 o'clock Saturday night and occupied the villages, subsequently dislodging the enemy. Occupied the whole of Talluchiatun, about five miles northwest of Port Arthur, at 2:55 o'clock this morning. Our repeated attacks during the past few days were uniformly successful and now the whole of the enemy's advanced positions fronting our right wing are in our hands."

LIVELY SCENES AT TOKIO.

Vast Armies Again Being Mobilized in Japan.

Tokio, Dec. 27.—Tokio is again a great military camp and the scenes of last spring, when the first armies were mobilized and dispatched, are being duplicated. Thousands of recruits and reservists are assembled, drilling and equipping preparatory to taking the field. The permanent and temporary barracks are filled and it is necessary to billet the soldiers brought to the city. Aoyama field is the center of activity, where infantry, cavalry and artillery are constantly drilling. The batteries fire blank cartridges for the purpose of breaking in the horses. The general military preparations are enormous. It is planned to give Field Marshal Oyama a rough total of 500,000 men, with a heavily increased artillery arm, besides increasing the defense of Formosa and the southern islands in anticipation of the Russian Second Pacific squadron's attempt to seize a base. The port of Kleeung, Formosa, has been declared in a state of siege and other preparations in Formosa and the Pescadores are progressing. Winter is not interfering with the Japanese transport service. The railroad between Dalny and Yentai is working well and the running time between Taotal and Liaoyang is six days.

WILL CARRY MACHINE GUNS.

Japs Equip a Thousand Carts With Shields.

Harbin, Dec. 27.—Chinese from the south say that the Japanese have brought 50,000 Chinese into Southern Manchuria, but have great difficulty in feeding them. They also say that the Japanese have prepared 1,000 four-wheeled carts with iron shields in front and on the sides, which are to be pushed by soldiers, and which are to carry rapid fire and machine guns. Some frozen Japanese have been found in abandoned trenches. There is the greatest activity in Harbin, where the Russians are building enlarged bath, churches and a hospital.

SERIOUS CLASH IN POLAND.

Commander of Russian Regiment and Two Other Men Killed.

Hazom, Russian Poland, Dec. 27.—After the midnight mass at the Roman Catholic cathedral a crowd composed of workmen paraded the streets carrying red flags. The military authorities in trying to disperse it were received with shots and serious loss of counter followed in which the commander of the Twenty-sixth regiment was killed and a gendarme was wounded. One of the demonstrators was killed.

Getting Even.

Barber—Does that razor pull, sir? Customer—Yes, but go ahead. I've been pretty hard pushed lately, and this'll even up things a little.—New Yorker.

A Surgical Dilemma.

"Did Jones have appendicitis?" "The doctors disagreed. Some thought he had money and some thought he hadn't."—Puck.

INCIDENTS OF THE WAR

Experiences Along the Railroad Leading to Harbin.

HEROISM OF WOUNDED RUSSIANS

Stoicism Displayed by Soldier With a Mangled Foot—How the Injured Preserve Discipline Even in Field Hospitals—Humorous Incident of the Battle of Liaoyang.

"Back and forth along the railway, now that there is not much in the way of active fighting," writes a war correspondent from Harbin, "one meets many interesting acquaintances, nearly all of whom have something of interest to add to the general story of the Russo-Japanese war. Coming up the last time across the Tsun river, I was put up for the night by the bridge guard, clever, companionable fellows, with some very intelligent Chinese assistants.

"There is an iron bridge across the river, with a cozy little fort at either end and a boat patrolling the river beneath to guard against sudden descents of the Chinese bandits, who are always on the alert to annoy the lines of communication even if they cannot cut them. But the railway guard is a very mobile organization and can concentrate a strong force up or down the line at short notice, while the guard boat makes the river banks untenable for an enemy.

"One of the Chinamen on guard at the bridge is a very intelligent fellow from the southern provinces, and he predicts sweeping changes in China when this war is over. He does not speak as though he regarded Manchuria as an integral part of China. He said: 'Whoever wins in this war is going to take Manchuria, whether it is Japanese or Russian. China will not much care. But when the war is over you are going to see changes in China's internal economy. There are a great many of us, especially in the south, who have studied the question thoroughly. We know what we want in the way of Chinese reforms, and we are going to get them after this war on the border is out of the way.'

"We have many examples of the stoicism and devotion of the soldiers who come under our care. I was attending a dying Cossack recently. He was in terrible pain. I stopped to ask him at the end what message he had to send to his parents or relatives. But instead he gave me the number of his rifle, told me where it was and requested that it should be sent to his commander. Another soldier limped in here on foot. He had refused to let the stretcher men carry him, saying there were others who needed the stretchers more. When I examined him I found his foot mangled beyond hope of saving. It was amputated within an hour. Yet he had walked here to leave a stretcher vacant for some one else.

"On a promontory high above the Tsun is perched a pretty little Chinese village, and here is established one of the neat, clean, compact little zenzo hospitals. One of the doctors had much to say of the wounded, of whom he has handled hundreds and seen thousands. 'Curiously enough,' said he, 'the majority of our wounded are shot in the head. I attribute this to the shrapnel bursting in the air. The Japanese artillery has been responsible for the most of our casualties so far. It is much the most effective arm of the Japanese service.'

"In the field hospitals the men are put twenty-five in a tent. They preserve their discipline even in bed and elect one of their tent mates, usually one of the less severely wounded, as commander. All this is quite independent of the regulations. The wounded take orders from their tent chief, and whenever there is a shortage of helpers, and there usually is, they help the doctors with the dressing and bandaging and also help to get and serve the meals.

"There were some funny incidents at Liaoyang in spite of the awful nature of the fight. Some of the officers told me that the Japanese had rushed a line of our trenches not fifty yards down a hillside and almost underneath our second line of defense. The two forces were so close that it was sure death to expose a head on either side, so the shooting slackened. Some of our men began throwing rocks down the hill, which was safe, easy and uncommending to the enemy. Suddenly a Japanese called in Russian: 'What are you doing up in that trench? Looks as if you had run out of cartridges.'

"The answer was another volley of high angle rock fire and the retort: 'If you think we are out of cartridges, you'd better come up and see. But rocks are good enough for you as long as you are skulking down there.'

WISCONSIN WOMAN KILLED.

Buggy in Which She Was Riding Struck by a Train.

Janesville, Wis., Dec. 27.—While returning from a family reunion near Evansville at night, Mrs. Appel, an aged woman, Miss Lovell and Frank Woods were smacked by a Northwestern train while driving in a single buggy and Mrs. Appel was killed. The train was held an hour and ten minutes while a search for the body was made.

Block of Buildings Burned.

Portal, N. D., Dec. 27.—Fire at an early hour destroyed a block of frame buildings on Front street. The fire originated from the chimney in A. S. Ways' bowling and billiard building and spread rapidly to the adjacent wooden structures. One man is missing and it is reported to have been burned.

ROCKEFELLER ON LAWSON.

Oil King's Opinion of the Bostonian's Frenzied Finance.

John D. Rockefeller, the oil king, uttered his first public opinion on "frenzied finance" the other day in the Fifth Avenue Baptist church of New York. He had just entered the vestibule when he met a member of his son's Bible class, who had a copy of Mr. Lawson's comments on the Standard Oil trust in his pocket. Mr. Rockefeller's eyes rested upon it.

"I have been reading about 'Frenzied Finance' and wonder how much of it is true and how much fiction," said the young man.

Rockefeller placed his hand on the young man's shoulder and spoke these words slowly, earnestly, says the New York American:

"It is a good idea to be as careful of your reading as of your associates. Some writers create a condition for which there is no cause, a condition that may suit their own purpose, a condition that does harm to others and no good to themselves. I remember when I was a boy I used to drive about the country and buy wood. One man was angry because I would not pay him a good price for a quantity of punky wood that was almost valueless. He told some of the other farmers that had good wood for sale that I was an injury to their business and it would be better not to deal with me. They were sensible men and thought for themselves, and I bought their wood from them. The punky wood man was indulging in 'frenzied finance'—simply creating dissatisfaction and doing no good."

JAPANESE LOYALTY.

Striking Evidence of It Described by Mme. Uru.

There are many instances in Japan of soldiers who have loved their country more passionately even than their families, says Mme. Uru, the Japanese admiral's wife, in Harper's Bazar. Americans may think it horrible and incredible, but we Japanese women understand the intense feeling of loyalty which predominates above everything in our soldiers' hearts.

In the interior of Japan a young farmer on the outbreak of war was suddenly called to the colors. Two days' preparation was given him to settle his affairs and to start for Tokyo. His wife had a very young infant. The young mother was so overcome with grief at this unexpected news that she fainted away and within an hour died, leaving her husband alone with the newborn babe. What could he do with it? Who would care for such a mite? Feeling that his own life was forfeit to his country, the poor man in a frenzy of passionate grief killed his own child. Of course the law had to step in, and he had to be tried for murder. A merciful jury acquitted him on the ground of emotional insanity.

ODD PHILADELPHIA DINNER.

Walters Disguised as Santa Clauses. Toys Before Each Plate.

In an artificial forest bower the Kindergarten club of the Union League in Philadelphia gave its annual dinner at the clubhouse the other night, with the newly elected officers as its guests, says the New York Times. The walls could not be seen for trees and other woodland growths. Hogs, deer, lions, tigers, bears and horses' heads peeped between the branches.

Before each plate were toys. Scattered about were jackstraws, building blocks, tin wagons, tennpins, tin horses, tin soldiers, lions and, in fact, every kind of toy that would delight the heart of a child. Behind the toastmaster's chair was a huge chimney, out of which peered Santa Claus, smiling cheerfully and smoking a large pipe.

After the dinner had been served by waiters disguised as Santa Clauses, topical verses having been sung between the courses, the toastmaster made presentations of toys emblematic of the failings and fads of the guests.

LOGIC MACHINE.

A California Professor Perfecting Apparatus to Answer Questions.

Professor Charles H. Rieber of the University of California is perfecting a logic machine that will answer syllogistic propositions as fast as proposed, says a special dispatch from San Francisco.

His machine is said to be an improvement on that of Stanley Jevons, the English logician. It will follow what logicians know as "circle notation," wherein all premises having separate symbols and conclusions are produced by a combination of these symbols.

Professor Rieber has designed a machine something like an adding machine, which by the manipulation of circles and electric lights will, when the proper keys are pressed down, throw into relief all formulae that are possible answers to logical questions without the chance of an error.

Admiral Dewey's Own Story.

As early as 9 o'clock Admiral Dewey walks into his office in the Mills building at Washington, diagonally across from the navy department, sits down at his desk and gets to work with the same precision that he might use if still aboard the Olympia, says a writer in the National Magazine. In the corner opposite his desk is a cedar chest which was made for the admiral in Manila. He pointed to it and said:

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