

EVANS WIRES MAYOR HARPER DATE OF HIS ARRIVAL

COURT WOULD SAVE ORCHARD FROM NOOSE

RUMOR OF IMMUNITY PLEDGE STRENGTHENED

MANY TIMES ASSASSIN MAY YET ESCAPE GALLOWS

Prosecutors Who Clamored for Lives of Federation Men Seek to Save the Murderer of Steunenberg

Special to The Herald. CALDWELL, Idaho, March 18.—Fulfilling the prediction of the defense in the Haywood and Pettibone trials that Harry Orchard would not be hanged for his many murders, Judge Wood today asked the state board of pardons to commute Orchard's sentence to imprisonment. It is believed the board will comply with Judge Wood's request. It has been asserted repeatedly that Orchard had been promised partial immunity in return for his testimony, never corroborated, against Pettibone and Haywood. One of the attorneys for the defense in the recent trials of the Federation men said when he learned of Judge Wood's action: "To the general public it may seem strange that the men who a short time ago clamored for the lives of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, against whom there was virtually no evidence, now clamor for the life of Orchard, a self-confessed assassin, a murderer of many. Truly this is a remarkable enlightenment."

Believes His Story

In regard to the part of Orchard in the trials, Judge Wood said: "I am more than satisfied that the defendant now at the bar of this court awaiting final sentence has not acted in good faith in making the disclosures that he did, but that he also testified fully and fairly to the whole truth, withholding nothing that was material and declining nothing which had not actually taken place."

Judge Wood, after reading his ruling, formally sentenced Orchard and fixed May 15 as the day for his execution. Orchard asked permission to speak and it was granted. He thanked the court for the review of the case given and for the kindly remarks in regard to him. He repeated that he had told the whole truth, and that no promise of immunity or mercy had ever been made to him.

Before he had concluded, tears were streaming from his eyes and he all but broke down as he again, in a broken voice, thanked Judge Wood for his recommendation to the board of pardons. Ernest Mills, acting secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, said today that the federation would remain passive in regard to the disposition to be made of Orchard's case.

Promised Immunity

"If Judge Wood made the statement credited to him," said Mr. Mills, "there is little doubt that he is paving the way for freedom for Orchard. It has been claimed all along that Orchard had been promised freedom by Governor Gooding of Idaho for making the confessions he made at the trials. That the political ring back of it has promised to go down the line for Orchard is also a well known fact. Secretary Mills announced his intention to place in the hands of the post-office inspectors anonymous letters which he said had been received by George A. Pettibone and his wife since his acquittal of complicity in the Steunenberg murder, threatening them with death. President Moyer of the federation recently left San Diego, Cal., to visit Pettibone, who is sick at a hospital there.

DENVER, March 18.—"I know nothing about that," said James McParland, the detective who secured the confession of Orchard, today. "He was never promised immunity, and never asked to do so. I do not know whether his sentence will be commuted or not."

"He is guilty, and he has confessed his guilt. He has told all he knew about those who caused him to commit his crimes. The fact that they were cleared by juries makes no difference to him."

Italians Are Deported

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., March 18.—Five Italian laborers were arrested this morning under the Dominion order in council. They had purchased tickets for Seattle, but got off the train at New Westminster, where, as they did not come from the land of their birth or citizenship, they were held.

Boy Testifies Against Father

FRESNO, March 18.—Little 9-year-old Johnny Martin this afternoon at the preliminary examination of his father, J. W. Martin, arrested for burglary, told a pathetic tale of how his parent on many different occasions forced him to assist in robbing houses and barns.

French Sailors Captured

PARIS, March 18.—The government today announced that the crew of a French fishing vessel, the Baleine, had been captured recently by Moroccan after imprudently landing near Cape Juby. An attempt was made to rescue the men.

UNIVERSITY IN UPROAR; MAY DROP 24c

STUDENTS ASK REINSTATEMENT OF SUSPENDED MEN

ANTI-LIQUOR RULE CAUSES BIG DEMONSTRATION

Committee Refuses to Reconsider and Intimation Is Made That Hundreds Are in Danger of Dismissal

By Associated Press. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, March 18.—The faculty student affairs committee today refused to reconsider its action in dismissing twelve students for participating in the parade of Thursday night. At a mass meeting of the student body last evening petitions signed by 246 men who were in the parade and stating that they were equally culpable with those dismissed and should receive the same treatment and asking that the twelve be reinstated were presented and a committee was appointed to present this and try to secure reinstatement.

Chairman Clark refused to reconsider the matter and said he would give his answer on the petition by tomorrow noon. From his attitude it is expected that he may dismiss all the signers. Another petition signed by over 100 students will be presented tomorrow asking for immediate reinstatement of those dismissed on the ground that the sentence was too severe. Clark issued a statement today saying that an unavoidable injustice was done the twelve dismissed when the others did not receive the same treatment, but that there was not sufficient ground for reconsideration.

POLICE CONTINUE WAR ON ANN ARBOR STUDENTS

By Associated Press. ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 18.—Friction between the University of Michigan students and the city police has continued since Monday night's riot. Two students were arrested last night, charged with stealing a cuspidor from the Cook hotel. The hotel management refused to enter a complaint against the boys for larceny, but the students were brought into court, nevertheless, charged with being drunk and disorderly, pleaded guilty, and were each fined \$10 and \$5.20 costs.

Summary of the News

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Cloudy Thursday, brisk north wind. Maximum temperature yesterday, 59 degrees; minimum, 53 degrees.

LOCAL

President Morton of Equitable Life Assurance society announces it will invest \$2,000,000 in Southern California. One newspaper or magazine correspondent from each vessel of Admiral Evans' fleet will be guest at Ad club banquet. Former insurance agent is placed in jail charged with fraud. Board of public works rejects all bids for transportation of freight for Los Angeles-Owens river aqueduct. Conspiracy to bribe voters is charged in suit against El Centro banker. Apologies are made to Judge Wellborn by two men charged with contempt of court. New move is made by government attorneys in land fraud cases. Electrician begins suit for \$20,000 as damages for alleged personal injuries.

EASTERN

Labor leaders assemble in Washington to plan amendment of Sherman law and attack on injunctions. Grover Cleveland celebrates his seventy-first birthday anniversary; former president in good health. Big steamers collide in New York harbor, liner rammed by smaller vessel. Republicans of Iowa declare for Taft and revision of tariff. Roosevelt's crusade against Standard Oil trust aids independent refiners. Republican party accused by Democratic congressmen of being "drunk with power."

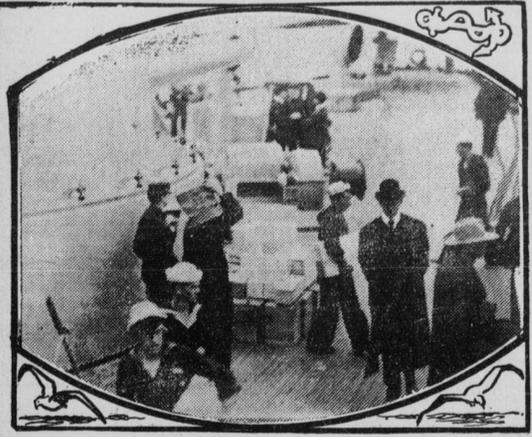
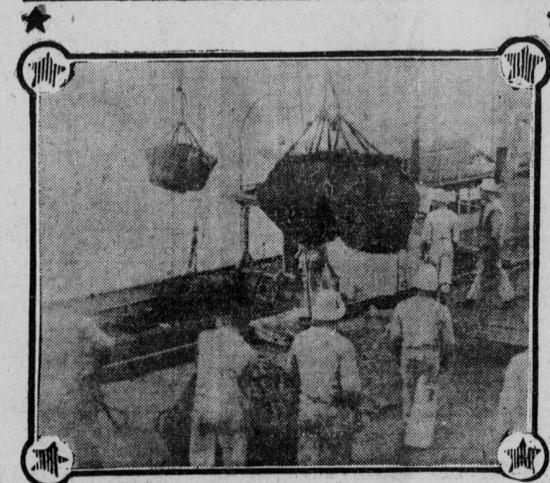
COAST

Judge sentences Harry Orchard to death for Steunenberg murder, and then asks state board of pardons to commute his sentence to imprisonment. Hundreds of students may be dismissed from Stanford university as result of anti-liquor crusade. San Francisco reports good progress in war on plague infected rats. Secretary of Navy Metcalf will study problem of armor plate when fleet anchors in San Francisco. Admiral Evans sends word to Admiral McCalla that fleet will make stop of three days at Santa Barbara.

FOREIGN

Russian generals fight a duel and Smirnov is fatally wounded by Fock. Affair result of criticism of defense of Port Arthur. Hart McKee, who is being sued for divorce by his wife in Paris, charges her with misconduct, naming an English lord and an Italian marquis. Australians desire to entertain President Roosevelt and fleet at the same time. Belligerent attitude of Haytian government is abandoned when foreign warships off Port au Prince. Congo annexation treaty passed by Belgian deputies.

Pathfinder Squadron in San Pedro Harbor



TOP—THE BAND OF THE WASHINGTON. THE BAND PLAYS ALL DAY WHEN THE CREW IS COALING SHIP

BOTTOM—850-POUND BASKETS OF COAL COMING ABOARD THE WASHINGTON

TOP—HANDLING GUNCOTTON ON BOARD THE TENNESSEE. ONE SMALL BOX, LE DROPPED, WOULD DO THINGS IN THAT IMMEDIATE VICINITY

BOTTOM—A BUSY MOMENT ON BOARD THE WASHINGTON. PHOTO WAS MADE WHILE CREW WAS HANDLING 350 TONS PER HOUR, THE RECORD

M'KEE SAYS WIFE LED GAY LIFE ABROAD

THE DIVORCE SUIT BRINGS OUT SHOCKING CHARGES

Lord Roslyn and an Italian Marquis Named as Co-Respondents by American Multi-Millionaire

By Associated Press. PARIS, March 18.—Maitre Labori today presented to the court the side of the husband in the divorce suit brought in this city by Mrs. A. Hart McKee against Mr. McKee. The first hearing of the case took place March 4, when Mrs. McKee, through counsel, described alleged indignities to which she had been subjected by her husband. Today Maitre Labori made counter-charges of a most scandalous character against the wife, and declared that if the court granted a divorce it should pronounce in favor of the defendant and not in favor of the wife. Mrs. McKee is a daughter of George W. Baxter of Tennessee. She was the widow of Hugh Tevis at the time of her marriage to Mr. McKee in Philadelphia in January, 1905. Maitre Labori declared Mr. McKee married Mrs. Tevis to save her honor. He mentioned also an Italian marquis as a co-respondent. Maitre Labori at the outset complained bitterly of the flood of accusations against his client with which he said the American press had been filled.

Accuses Woman

The allegations of Mr. McKee's cruelty to his wife and child and the flagrant wrongdoing were denied, and then in support of the contention that Mr. and Mrs. McKee should receive the decree of divorce Maitre Labori proceeded to describe Mrs. McKee's alleged career while she was still Mrs. Tevis. He coupled her name with that of Lord Roslyn, and declared that she and McKee were living together at a hotel two days after they met.

Continuing counsel for the husband declared that his client had paid Mrs. McKee's bills, amounting to \$16,000, while she was in the south of Europe, and to disprove the charge of paramourship against him he declared that during a single night McKee had spent \$320 on flowers for his wife. Maitre Labori made charges, but he offered no proof of Mrs. McKee's misconduct with Lord Roslyn. His allegation was based on the fact that Mrs. McKee, when she was Mrs. Tevis, and Lord Roslyn stopped at the same hotel in Folkestone. In the case of the Italian marquis no other proof was submitted except that Mr. McKee saw his wife and the marquis emerge from a garden together. Maitre Labori did not conclude his presentation of the case, and the hearing will be continued March 25.

SHIP SINKING, WOMAN SENDS FOR A BIBLE

STEAMER PASSENGERS TELL OF RESCUE

Captain and Crew of Ill Fated Pomona Praised for Their Courage and Skill in Hour of Terror

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—The passengers of the ill fated steamer Pomona of the Pacific Coast Steamship line, which was wrecked on a submerged reef off Fort Ross yesterday evening, arrived here today. Sixteen of the passengers, all men, went overland from the point of landing to Cazadero and there took the North Shore train which arrived here at 10:35 this morning. Some of them covered the distance of fifteen miles on foot, walking the greater part of the night, while a number of them waited for teams which had been sent in response to telephone messages from Fort Ross. According to the stories of the returning passengers the Pomona struck a glancing blow on a submerged rock which about two miles off shore. The vessel shivered from stern to bow but did not stop, immediately sliding off the rock. Proceeding under a slow bell, with the water in the hold rapidly getting deeper, the steamer fifteen minutes after striking the first rock struck again. Six boats were lowered, each one making two or three trips, and by 7:30 all the passengers and crew had landed. At 8:15 the water in the vessel had reached the dynamo, located between decks, and the lights went out on the Pomona. A little later only the top of the cabins on the after deck were visible, and a gentle swell began to break over the steamer. L. G. Puter, a prominent attorney of Eureka, related the following experience: Passengers at Dinner "I had just sat down to dinner when I felt the steamer shiver all over and heard the hull grating on a rock. The speed of the vessel seemed to be temporarily checked, but the steamer was not fast, sliding off immediately and continuing on its way. We all realized what had happened but there was no confusion or excitement either among the crew or passengers. "The sea was smooth as glass. There was little or no wind, and it was just beginning to get dark. Off to the right the shore line could be seen. Captain Swanson turned the bow of the Pomona toward the shore and proceeded under a slow bell, the passengers in the meantime putting on life-preservers and gathering up their hand baggage. When perhaps 300 or 400 yards off shore the steamer struck again and remained fast. Captain Swanson immediately ordered the crew of passengers.

EAST RIVER SPANNED BY HUGE BRIDGE

GREAT STRUCTURE IN NEW YORK IS OPENED

Alderman Sullivan, Representing the Mayor, Leads Delegation Across. Cost of Work Twenty-Five Millions

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, March 18.—The great cantilever structure over East river, known as Blackwell's Island bridge, which was constructed at a cost of nearly \$25,000,000, was traversed its entire length by pedestrians today for the first time. Alderman Timothy Sullivan, as the personal representative of Mayor McClellan, headed a delegation across the narrow footbridge built on top of the single steel girder which now links the New York and Long Island ends of the bridge. This girder, weighing twenty tons, was fitted in place today in the presence of the delegation. Midway on the footbridge Alderman Sullivan broke a bottle of champagne over the rail, an American flag was unfurled and the whistles on the river carried a salute. Work on the bridge was begun in 1901, and has been carried on constantly since then. There have been many fatalities among the workmen employed on the great highway. When completed the bridge will be the largest cantilever structure in the world. It will be double decked and 8449 feet in length. The length of the main span is 1182 feet between the towers. In the middle of the upper deck, between the trusses, there are to be two elevated railroad tracks and two promenade, each eleven feet wide. The six tracks across the bridge are estimated to have a capacity of 150,000,000 passengers a year under ordinary conditions of traffic.

Duke Living in Seclusion

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Beyond seeing a few personal friends during the day and joining a small dinner party at the Italian embassy last evening, the duke of Abruzzi spent the second day of his stay in Washington in seclusion. He declined to give audience to members of the press, and information as to his movements is denied at the embassy.

Plague Increasing in Ecuador

By Associated Press. GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, March 18.—The bubonic plague here is increasing and the sanitary condition of this and other towns is causing great alarm. There are fifty-one cases of plague in the lazaretto, beside several cases of smallpox and yellow fever.

WASHINGTON BOYS BREAK COAL RECORD

TAKE ON FUEL WITH ONE BIG RUSH

Is Dirty Work and Sailormen Hustle Some to Get It Done—Tennessee Will Coal Today

Just to please a Herald reporter and let him get a good action picture the boys on board the Washington coaled ship at the rate of 350 tons an hour for a while yesterday and broke the record. The collier Justin lay alongside and from the hold came forth in endless succession huge wicker baskets and canvas buckets filled to the brim with black, grimy coal that filled lungs with its dust and made a white cruiser look like it had been neglected for untold months. Down in the hold of the collier scores of grimy men shoveled the coal into the receptacles that were lowered through the enormous hatches, while several crews manned the electric winches that swung high and across from collier to ship the twin loads that weighed nearly a ton. As the hook was fastened in the handle of the big buckets they were caught up, and as they reached the deck the crew on the cruiser started its windlass and pulled the swinging load to the deck of the ship, where other crews placed the loads on little four-wheeled trucks and hauled them across decks to the coal chutes, where they were dumped into the yawning bunkers below. Ensign Some Different One dapper ensign who the day before was officer of the deck and imperiously turned his back on all who were not his superiors in rank, appeared yesterday in charge of another part of the deck and his natty uniform of blue was replaced by faded blue jumper and overalls. A grimy smudge of soft coal on a dirty hand was rubbed on the sweaty cheek that only a day before was of a color to set the heart of a young girl dancing. A closer scrutiny of some of the men in blue overalls disclosed that most of them were ensigns or midshipmen who the day before had walked the quarter deck in a proud assumption of dignity. The sailors as a rule wore white duck or what had been white duck once. After a few minutes' coaling there is little white left and with some members of the crew there was a marked shortage of duck. Every one kept busy and what spoke eloquently for the willingness of the men was the fact that not a sharp command or a harsh word came from the officers superintending the work. The boys seemed to enter into the thing with the spirit of play, and

ADMIRAL SETS DATE APRIL 18

WILL CONSULT THE PEOPLE'S WISHES ON DIVISION

JACKIES ON SHORE LEAVE HAVE GOOD TIME

Great Piles of Grub Required for the Sailors' Meals—Handling Gun-cotton Makes Visitors Cautious

U. S. S. CONNECTICUT AT SEA, March 17.—A. C. Harper, Los Angeles, Cal.: Fleet will stay not less than four days at San Pedro and other ports contiguous to Los Angeles, probably longer, and after arrival will be divided to suit the wishes of the people of these ports. Cannot give exact date of arrival at this time, but it will be not earlier than April 18. —EVANS.

This wireless message was received by Mayor Harper this morning, having come from the flagship via San Diego. Another telegram from Admiral Evans addressed to Gen. Anna R. Chaffee was practically the same. The committee on entertainment will proceed with its arrangements, counting on the fleet's arriving April 18. The stay of four days at the minimum will in all probability be prolonged to ten days, as in an aerogram from Admiral Evans to Rear Admiral McCalla, retired, who is at Santa Barbara, the date of arrival at that port is set for not earlier than April 28. It would seem probable that the entire time between the two dates would be spent here, which will afford ample opportunity for the successful carrying out of the program of entertainment as planned and give every one who wishes the chance to visit the fleet without undue crowding. As the admiral has expressed his intention of deferring to the wishes of the people in regard to dividing the fleet upon its arrival, the parade of the warships along the coast from San Pedro to Santa Monica is practically assured and will afford a spectacle long to be remembered.

Jackies on Shore Leave

The officers and men of Admiral Sebree's squadron are enjoying shore liberty with special arrangements for their entertainment have been made. Quite a party visited Pasadena yesterday as the guests of that city and were treated to an automobile ride about the city. Besides the officers from the cruisers there were several officials of the San Pedro chamber of commerce. Mayor Thomas Earley presided as host at the luncheon and a board of trade committee had charge of the entertainment of the distinguished guests. Those in the party from the squadron were Captain Thomas Howard, commander of Admiral Sebree's flagship, the Tennessee; Lieutenant J. P. Lannon, Surgeon E. G. Parker; G. E. Venable, paymaster; J. H. Hamilton, W. F. Bickenbach, Edwin H. Beutzel, L. Kelly, C. D. Ingram and several other officers. Sam Storer, president of the San Pedro chamber of commerce; Frank Burns and W. C. Melton were among the San Pedro delegation who accompanied the naval officers, Friday Admiral Sebree and another party of officers will be on the coast in the manner of entertainment at Pasadena. The number of visitors who took advantage of the opportunity to visit the cruisers now in the harbor was considerably in excess of the number who went aboard Tuesday. Most of the visitors went aboard the flagship, the Tennessee, as the California was cleaning ship after the coaling of the day before and the Washington was not open to visitors, as its crew was busily engaged in putting aboard 1700 tons of fuel.

Visitors Well Treated

On board the Tennessee Lieut. Stafford received the numerous visitors and courteously assigned a jackie to each party to show them the ship. Everyone was taken from stern to stem and the details of the mechanism of the guns was carefully described by the willing sailors. The little three and six-pounders seemed to attract the most attention, probably for the reason that they were the more easily seen as a whole and were not quite so forbidding as the big ten-inch tubes that poke their grim muzzles out through the turret roofs threateningly. A rather amusing incident took place while the jackies were putting some gun cotton aboard. Coming up the eight or ten sailors, making frequent trips from a cutter that lay alongside, and in the arms of each man was a small box. At first glance it looked as though the sailor boys were either very lazy or else wanted to make the job last, as the boxes seemed light and seldom did one man carry two. A question to one of the men and the reason was plain. The small boxes, only about eighteen inches long and six inches square, contained primers for the big guns, and to have dropped one would have meant oblivion for the carriers and all others in that immediate vicinity. The larger cases, which were about the shape of a five-gallon oil can, were filled with gun cotton for the torpedoes.

Afraid of Gun cotton

The cases lay on deck, making quite a pile, and the crowd of sightseers stood all around them, oblivious of their weight. One or two inquisitive ones read the labels, and from them on that part of the deck was the least favored part of the ship, and the jackies carried much burdens without having to push between the people that had crowded them only a few minutes before. One of the places on board that excited as much comment and fewer questions than any was where the food for the men was prepared. It made one wonder if they were doing the cooking for the whole squadron on one boat, but

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