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WHOLE NO 1024

MINE BLEW UP RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOAT

All the Crew Lost But Four---Happened as Boat Was Trying to Enter Harbor at Port Arthur.

All is Quiet at the Port and Military Bands Play Twice a Week in Public Squares--Other Matters of Interest in War of Far East.

By Associated Press. The Foo, March 17--The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Skorri, was blown up yesterday by a mine while it was entering Port Arthur harbor.

Four of the crew were saved. The United States cruiser Cincinnati has arrived at Port Arthur.

All is quiet here and military bands play twice a week in the public squares.

By Associated Press. London, March 17--No further news of the progress of hostilities in the far east has been received here.

The Russian main advance is crossing the Yalu, but this is not yet confirmed, and, according to the Daily Chronicle's Ping Yang correspondent, all the Russian troops have left North Korea.

The Daily Telegraph's Sebastopol correspondent says it is semi-officially announced that Russia has abandoned the idea of sending her Baltic squadron to the far east by way of Behring straits as impracticable.

A Port Arthur dispatch says that Admiral Wittsoeff has been appointed chief of Viceoy Alexiff's naval staff, and has gone to Mukden.

The Tokio correspondent of the Times cables that the latest reports say that the Russians are occupying an area having a forty mile base, from Wiju to Chang Tong, and extending south to the Pak Chon river.

By Associated Press. Port Arthur, March 17--Passengers of the Russian merchant vessels captured by the Japanese warships, arrived here from Japan.

The passengers brought evidences that the Japanese had worked out a plan of campaign and fixed a date for the commencement of operations at least two weeks before hostilities began.

The Russians are indignant over the conduct of an Englishman who had lived at Vladivostok, who cheered the Japanese transports.

ARM SWOLLEN THREE TIMES NATURAL SIZE. Fred W. Robinson is suffering from a severe case of blood poisoning, or something of a like nature.

MOVES OFFICES TO NEW LOCATION. Dr. S. M. Hardman, oculist and aurist, who recently bought out the Cunningham shoe store on Third street, to secure a location, has closed his offices in the Fordyce building and moved them to his new location.

WASHINGTON

Is the Name of the Camp of Patriotic Order Sons of America Organized Here Wednesday Evening.

Washington Camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America, was instituted in Smith's hall, 208 West Main street, Wednesday evening and the following officers were elected:

Past president, J. O. T. Tidler; President, Dr. E. T. Teets; Vice President, Dr. D. T. Birtwell; Master of Forums, J. A. James; Recording Secretary, Wallace West; Financial Secretary, J. F. Klurme; Conductor, W. F. Courtney; Inspector, Samuel Fisher; Guard, J. G. Copeman; Chaplain, J. W. Dodge.

The National Inspector, Captain F. W. Alexander, of Washington, D. C., will address the members of the order and their friends in the same hall Friday night at eight o'clock.

DECAPITATED

Will be the Official Head of the United States District Attorney For Nebraska.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 17--As the result of the inquiry into the charges against Senator Dietrich, W. S. Summers, United States District Attorney for Nebraska will be removed from office.

It appears that his actions in obtaining an indictment against Dietrich have made him liable to discharge on account of the perniciolous use of the powers of his office.

ACCUSED MURDERER ARRAIGNED

At Bedford and Then Taken Back to Jail at Bloomington--Said to Be the Slayer of Miss Shaffer.

By Associated Press. Bedford, Ind., March 17--James McDonald was brought here this afternoon for arraignment on an indictment for the murder of Miss Sarah Shaffer. He will be taken immediately back to jail at Bloomington.

MR. BRADY TALKS CONVENTION.

Thomas G. Brady returned Wednesday evening from Parkersburg, where he spent the day working up an interest in the business men's convention in the Waldio hotel here on March 24, for the purpose of taking steps to preserve the natural gas of this State for the use of the people and enterprises in the State.

Mr. Brady deserves much credit for his devotion to this movement and the good work he is doing in working up a big attendance at the coming convention.

PICTURES NOT OBSCENE

Says the Firm That Manufactures Them and Arrests Were Unwarranted.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 17--In the Senate to-day Senator McLaughlin presented and had read a letter from a Cincinnati firm which manufactures pictures concerning the wholesale arrests in Mississippi, to which Senator McLaughlin referred in his speech last Saturday.

The firm denied they made pictures of improper character. The pictures showed President Roosevelt and Booker T. Washington driving together and the arrests were made on the alleged grounds that the pictures were obscene of indecent.

FISTIC ENCOUNTER

Takes Place at Adamston and Southern Gets Shoulder Fractured--Councilman Crimm Pays First Fine.

Special Correspondence. Adamston, W. Va., March 17--Alonzo E. Crimm and G. C. Southern had a fistic encounter about 7 o'clock last night. They met in front of Crimm's home and fought in the middle of the street.

In the scuffle Southern tripped himself and fell across the street car track, dislocating his left shoulder. Crimm received a gash on his head, but was not seriously hurt. The encounter was tit-for-tat until Southern tripped himself and then one who saw it says Crimm jumped on to Southern after he was down and disabled.

There has been bad blood between the two a long time, notwithstanding that they are related, and it came to the point where it had to be settled, although it is not definitely known just what was the immediate trouble that brought on the fight.

Crimm went before Mayor Camp and confessed. He was fined \$3.00 and costs. Crimm is a member of the town council and his is the first fine that has been imposed since the town was incorporated.

Bert Frazier, the little son of John Frazier, is very low with spinal meningitis and is not expected to live. The Adamston town council met last night. But little of importance was done except to pass an ordinance on its first reading pertaining to the matter of giving a Fairmont company a franchise to operate water works here.

SCALE IS WON

BIG MAJORIT YOF MINERS VOTED TO ACCEPT IT, BUT NUMBER FOR STRIKE WAS VERY LARGE, TOO.

About 2,500 Locals Voted, Showing a Total Vote of 135,000--Results of Carvass Will Be Announced Later.

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Ind., March 17--The count of the miners vote on the acceptance of the wage scale offered by the operators began at 10 o'clock this morning.

About 2,500 locals voted. The result will not be announced before to-morrow. Unofficial information is that 83,000 miners voted for the scale and 52,000 against it.

Of the 190,000 miners in the states voting, it is estimated that about 135,000 voted, and of these 83,000 voted for the scale and about 52,000 voted against it and in favor of a strike.

Maryland did not vote, not being sure it was entitled to vote. West Virginia reports are meagre and no estimate is made. Indiana cast 10,000 votes, a majority of two to one for the scale; Illinois cast 30,000 votes, with a majority of two to one against the scale and in favor of a strike; Pennsylvania cast 50,000 votes, with a majority of two to one for the scale.

ARMY OFFICER SUICIDES

Fired Bullet Into His Brain Just After Sending His Troops to the Depot--Was Ordered to the Philippines.

By Associated Press. Omaha, Neb., March 17--Major William H. Bean, U. S. A., committed suicide to-day by shooting himself. Bean was ordered to the Philippines and had sent his wife to the depot. He asked his wife to play the piano and while she played he fired a bullet into his brain.

BRAXTON CIRCUIT CLERK DIES AT SUTTON

Special to the Telegram. Sutton, W. Va., March 17--Joseph Lorentz, clerk of the circuit court of Braxton county, died here at three o'clock this afternoon from typhoid fever. He leaves a wife and several children. He was prominent in Democratic politics in this county.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Special to the Telegram. Burnsville, W. Va., March 17--A dynamite explosion occurred on the Coal & Coke Railroad, five miles from this place last evening, killing one laborer and injuring another badly. They thought the fuse had died out but it had not.

ASLEEP IN DEATH

IS THOMAS FRANCIS, SR., PROMINENT AND WIDELY KNOWN RESIDENT OF THIS COUNTY.

FINAL SUMMONS CAME THURSDAY MORNING AFTER ILLNESS CAUSED BY INFIRMITIES OF AGE.

Deceased Was Born in Ireland and Came Here in 1849--Funeral Cortege of Street Cars Will Bring Remains Here For Burial on Friday.

The life of one of the most prominent and widely known citizens of Harrison county closed in the death of Thomas Francis, Sr., which occurred at his home at Wilsonburg at half past one o'clock Thursday morning from heart failure and the general infirmities of old age.

Mr. Francis had been ailing all through the winter, but had not at any time been seriously ill. About five days ago he became very ill with heart trouble and a complication of diseases. He grew worse and sank lower and lower until his death at the hour above stated.

Thomas Francis was seventy-four years of age. He was born in Galway, Ireland, and came to Clarksburg about 1849. When twenty years of age he was married to Miss Bridget Maloney, of Clarksburg. Mr. Francis was a laborer all his life. He assisted in grading the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in this section and was engaged in numerous other like occupations in contracting and building.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis became the parents of nine children, as follows: William, deceased; Peter, deceased; Michael J.; Mary, deceased; Delia, Anna, Thomas, Jr.; John, deceased; and Mary. Mr. Francis had one brother, John Francis, who came to the United States from Ireland but died a year afterwards in Maine.

The deceased was a fine old gentleman and was held in the highest esteem and respect by his large number of friends and acquaintances. Besides the children he is survived by his aged and loving wife.

The remains will be brought to this city Friday morning and taken to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, of which the deceased was a devout and faithful member. Three street cars have been chartered and they will leave the car barn at Adamston Friday morning at nine o'clock for Wilsonburg.

The funeral cortege will leave the home at Wilsonburg about ten o'clock with the remains and the relatives and friends proceed straight to the church. The funeral services will be held by Rev. Father Reynolds and Rev. Father Schoenen. From the church the remains will be taken to the Holy Cross cemetery for burial.

AUDIENCE

Was Highly Pleased With Hilda Tucker Performance at the Traders Grand Last Night--Moving Pictures and Specialties Enjoyed.

A fair sized audience witnessed the production of "A Creole's Revenge," at the Traders Grand Opera House Wednesday night by the Jolly Hilda Tucker Stock Company. The play was a very interesting one and was filled with several taking climaxes. The whole audience was very much pleased with the performance.

The play billed for to-night's performance is "A True Kentuckian." It is a story of life in the Kentucky mountains and of the notorious Kentucky moonshiners. It is one of the best pieces in the company's repertoire and has always pleased immensely wherever it has been played.

The amateur contest which is to be held Friday night will be a very novel and entertaining as well as amusing affair. Quite a number of young folks have signified their intention of entering the contest. The contest will be held immediately after the close of the last act. The stage will be cleared and the amateurs will be given possession. The one receiving the most applause will be presented with a five dollar green bank.

HOPELESSLY ILL

Is the Wife of General Miles, at Her Home in Washington City.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 17--The wife of Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles is hopelessly ill at her residence at this place.

LEFT FOOT AMPUTATED

By Surgeons at Hospital As Result of Distressing Accident Sustained By Brakeman Harvey Mitchell, in Monticello Brick Yards.

Harvey Mitchell, a brakeman on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, was the victim of a distressing accident at the Monticello brick yards about eight o'clock Thursday morning. He had his foot mashed to such an extent that it had to be amputated by surgeons at the Kessler hospital.

Mitchell was braking on a freight train that was switching cars on the siding at the Monticello brick yards. While in the act of coupling two cars he was knocked down and one of the wheels of a loader car passed over his left foot, crushing and mangling it terribly. He was taken at once to the Kessler hospital to have the injury attended to. The doctors saw that the foot would have to be taken off at once and an operation was performed. The injured member was amputated just above the ankle. At present the patient is resting nicely.

Mitchell is twenty-one years of age. He had been working on the railroad as brakeman for some time past.

STORAGE HOUSE

OPENED ON AN ELABORATE SCALE BY THE CENTRAL STORAGE CO., FORMERLY C. E. PRIDE CO.

Building is Five Stories High and Contains 600,000 Cubic Feet of Storage Space--B. & O. Will Patronize It As Well As Others.

The C. E. Pride Company has secured the warehouse vacated by the Ruhl-Kublegard Company, for the purpose of adding storage to its merchandise brokerage business and is to-day moving its offices into that building.

This building contains 600,000 cubic feet of storage space and has excellent railroad facilities, elevators and so on. It is beyond doubt the largest and best equipped warehouse in West Virginia.

The firm commenced to receive consignments the third of the present month and are glad to report that one-fifth of their space is already occupied. The business will be in the name of the Central Storage Company, the company having incorporated under that name. The capital stock is \$100,000 and the officers are:

C. E. Pride, president. G. H. Earle, vice president. J. W. Gold, second vice president. T. B. Willson, secretary and treasurer. The building it is to occupy is five stories high and has large floors, as the 600,000 cubic feet of space indicates. It is ample room and superior facilities, and its successful operation proves Clarksburg to be the natural distributing center of this State.

Such a large undertaking as this will be of great service to the business public and will be much appreciated, especially since it is to be operated on the same system as all large store houses and with the same promptness and care.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad will take advantage of the opportunities afforded by this concern and will store at the establishment all goods rejected and unneeded for and so forth.

The enterprise is one of much importance. It has associated with it men thoroughly familiar with the business and who know only success in everything they undertake, and the Telegram has good reason, therefore, to predict great success for these gentlemen and the Central Storage Company.

SILVER CERTIFICATES

For the Philippine Treasury Suggested By Taft and Repeal of Tonnage Tax on Vessels.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 17--Secretary Taft continuing his discussion of the Philippine matter before the House committee on insular affairs to-day suggested the granting of authority to the Philippine treasury to issue silver certificates in denominations of 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1000 pesos and advised the repeal of the tonnage tax on vessels arriving at Manila, so as to encourage the landing of large steamers.

JOHN F. CARROLL DIES IN ARKANSAS

By Associated Press. Fort Smith, Ark., March 17--John F. Carroll, of Parkersburg, W. Va., died suddenly to-day at Waldron, Ark. He was the author of standard works on geology.

WATER WELL POISONED TO KILL FAMILY

So That Robbers Might Get Hold of Man's Savings of Ten Years, but They Did Not Die Soon Enough For the Criminals.

Masked Themselves, Entered His Housd and Gagged Him and Robbed Him of One Thousand Dollars in Money--All Members of Family Ill From Drinking the Water.

STATE

Commander of the Maccabees Will Take Part in the Big Meeting Friday Night--Twelve Candidates Will Be Initiated.

The members of Clarksburg Tent, Knights of the Maccabees, are anticipating at big time for the meeting to be held in the Knights of Pythias hall on Friday evening of this week. There are twelve candidates to be initiated and all have solemnly promised to be present at the required time and take the ride on the goat. State Commander C. C. Showalter, of Parkersburg, has promised to be present and deliver an address to the lodge besides participating in the ritual work. It is desirable that all the members be present at this meeting.

CLAD IN NIGHT CLOTHES

Were Guests Compelled to Escape From Merchants Hotel, at Huntington, Which Burned to the Ground This Morning.

By Associated Press. Huntington, W. Va., March 17--The Merchants hotel burned to the ground at two o'clock this morning. Many guests were compelled to leave the building in their night clothes. The structure was frame and burned rapidly. The loss is five thousand dollars. The building was covered with insurance.

LATE GOVERNOR OF GUAM DIES IN CALIFORNIA

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 17--Commander William E. Sewell, late governor of Guam, died this morning at the hospital at Mjre Island, California. He became ill at Guam.

WELL KNOWN PRIEST DEAD.

By Associated Press. Sandusky, Ohio, March 17--Rev. R. A. Sidley, well known Catholic priest, died here to-day at an advanced age. He was chaplain of Johnsons' island during the Civil war.

DRUMMER

Commits Suicide in His Room in Cincinnati Hotel By Drinking Bottle of Carbolic Acid.

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, Ohio, March 17--S. N. Collins, a traveling salesman, of Charles City, Iowa, was found dead in his room to-day at Martin's hotel. He had taken carbolic acid. He was a well known traveling salesman and a former resident of Cincinnati. No cause is known for the rash deed.

WIFE-SHOOTER DIES

From Gun-Shot Wound Inflicted By Himself--Wife Will Recover.

By Associated Press. Pittsburg, Pa., March 17--Harry T. McAlpine, of Allegheny, who shot his wife last night and then attempted suicide, died to-day. His wife will recover.

ROOSEVELT WILL NOT GO

To the Opening Exercises of the World's Fair and May Not Be There At All.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 17--President Roosevelt will not attend the opening exercises of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, at St. Louis, and may not be able to visit the fair at any time.

DUKE KAMBRIDGE DEAD.

By Associated Press. London, March 17--Duke Cambridge died this morning, aged 85 years. He was Count of the late Queen Victoria.

YOUNG BOY DIES SUDDENLY.

By Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., March 17--The United States court to-day appointed W. F. Oliver receiver for the Tennessee Central railroad.

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CONFERENCE SEATS ARE IN DEMAND

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Cal., March 17--The sale of seats for the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church realized \$7,591 for sixty-nine boxes on the opening sale. Boxes sold from \$40 to \$175.

BALTIMORE FIRE

Causes the Retirement of the Lafayette Fire Insurance Co. From Business.

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