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## JUST WASTE OF MONEY

### SENATOR HALE OPPOSES FURTHER CONSTRUCTION OF IMMENSE BATTLESHIPS.

### OF LITTLE USE AS ENGINES OF WAR

### CONSIDERS OUR OUTLAY OF \$150,000,000 FOR SUCH VESSELS A BAD INVESTMENT.

Washington, April 26.—In the senate Mr. Hale (Me.) called up the conference report on the naval appropriation bill, eliminating all differences between the two houses. In making a statement on the report Mr. Hale criticized the modern battleship.

"Under the light of events that have transpired in the East," he began, "and the very remarkable developments in naval warfare that have been disclosed, if the matter had been open I should certainly have been in favor of striking out of the bill the provision for the battleship, or that no steps be taken towards committing ourselves on this question until after the next session of congress. But as it has been agreed to by both houses it was out of the jurisdiction of the conference committee.

"I may say that if I were secretary of the navy, in the present condition, I should not dare to go on and commit the government to the building of another immense battleship costing \$8,000,000.

"The lessons of the war between Russia and Japan thus far go to show the vulnerability and the unsafety of these immense and lofty battleships and the undesirability at present of committing ourselves to the further construction of them. The great and salient events of the war show how inadequate as an engine of war is one

of these enormous, high-turreted battleships—if she is struck below the water line

and the center of gravity is disturbed she turns over like a turtle and everybody on board is drowned. The trouble with the great battleship, which, if senators have never seen, does not look like a ship, but a great fortification, is that when she is hurt she can fight no longer. Other structures may be hurt, may be splintered, may be damaged, but they keep on fighting. But if an explosion takes place through hurried firing in a turret it is more than likely to ignite the magazine and the whole ship is blown into the air and everybody on board killed. Aside from the occurrences in the East, where the large Russian battleships have been disabled and put out of service, we have had three explosions on our own battleships within a year. On the Iowa, the Massachusetts and later on the Missouri. And it is only the breadth of a hand that prevented the entire battleship Missouri, the latest of our battleships and the best in that design, from being entirely destroyed. If the magazine had been communicated with by the fire of the explosion the whole ship would have gone. Just such an accident as that is likely to occur in any turret at any time during any battle.

"Continuing, Mr. Hale said that he would not be surprised if it turned out that we have a bad investment in the \$150,000,000 we have paid for these larger battleships. He thought the incidents of the Japanese-Russian war, such as the destruction of his ships, would have their effect in hastening naval experts to such a conclusion.

### CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Polish Catholic Priest at Snow Shoe, Pa., Arrested.

Williamsport, Pa., April 26.—Rev. Victor Garak, rector of the Polish Catholic church at Snow Shoe, has been arrested and taken to jail at Bellefonte charged with having caused the death of Andrew Sosko, a sixteen-year-old boy, by beating him with a club on Wednesday last. It is alleged the boy refused to attend church. A few hours before his death the boy made an antemortem statement to Dr. H. J. Young, declaring that Father Garak had beaten and kicked him.

## FLOODS IN THE SOUTHWEST

### HEAVY RAINS CAUSE RIVERS TO OVERFLOW BANKS AT VARIOUS POINTS.

Fort Scott, Kan., April 26.—As the result of the heavy rains here Marston river and Mill creek have overflowed their banks and a large part of the town is under water and hundreds of persons have been rescued in boats. The estimated loss to live stock drowned and property damaged is \$100,000.

The entire northern part of the city is cut off. Ten feet of water is rushing through the streets in that part of the city and several hundred persons in what is known as Belltown have been forced to leave their homes.

Kansas City, April 26.—A steady rain is still falling in Western Missouri and in Kansas as far west as Manhattan and many small streams which had overflowed their banks are still rising and spreading out over valuable farm lands. In this part of the Southwest rain has been falling for from thirty-six to forty-eight hours without cessation and the prospects are that it will continue to rain at least another twenty-four hours. While the Kansas river, the principal stream in that state which did so much damage in last year's great flood, is rising slowly no fear of the outcome is felt as yet.

Lexington, Mo., April 26.—Heavy rains have caused the river here to rise rapidly and it now stands at sixteen feet above the low water mark. This is considered a dangerous rise for April. It continues to rain here and the river is still rising. Much anxiety is felt.

Great Western Increases Capital.

Springfield, Ill., April 26.—The Chicago Great Western Railroad company has filed with the secretary of state a certificate of increase of capital stock. From \$30,000,000 the total amount of stock is increased to \$50,000,000.

## TRAMPS GROUND TO PIECES.

Bodies of Four Men Found on Railroad Tracks.

Winona, Minn., April 26.—Four notorious tramps were ground to pieces during the morning on the Northwest ern tracks within the city limits a mile west of the railroad shops. They are George Hendricks, known from New Orleans to St. Paul as "St. Louis Blanche," Oscar Larson, William Thompson and Billy Mack. Four of their companions are in the city prison awaiting developments, but it is not likely that any charge will be made against them.

Two engines and a caboose coming back from Minnesota City for extra cars, ran over the men, who it is believed, had fallen asleep on the track. Mack's head was cut off and all of the bodies horribly mutilated. They left a Winona saloon at about 9 o'clock, carrying two gallons of alcohol. It is probable that they sat down on the track, drank the fiery stuff and fell into a stupor from the liquor. Several circumstances seemed to indicate foul play, but are not given much weight.

Mack served a term in the county jail here last fall for grand larceny. No inquest is expected. The county will bury the bodies.

## REJECTS SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Action of House May Defeat River and Harbor Bill.

Washington, April 26.—The house committee on rivers and harbors recommended a disagreement to the emergency river and harbor bill, but refused to ask a conference. The disagreement was approved by the house, but no conference asked. The effect will be to defeat the bill unless the senate recalls the measure and eliminates the amendments.

## St. Paul Business Man Dead.

St. Paul, April 26.—John H. Allen, a pioneer of Minnesota and one of the first to engage in the wholesale grocery business in St. Paul, is dead of a stroke. Mr. Allen was one of the most prominent business men in the Northwest. Besides being engaged in the wholesale grocery business for nearly forty years he was for several years a director of the National German-American bank. He was a charter member of the Minnesota club.

## SIX PERSONS KILLED

### TORNADO DEVASTATES LARGE SECTION IN VICINITY OF PRYOR CREEK, I. T.

### NUMBER OF HOUSES DEMOLISHED

### STORM CUTS A PATH NEARLY A MILE WIDE AND TWENTY MILES IN LENGTH.

Pryor Creek, I. T., April 26.—Six persons were killed by a tornado which swept through the county about four miles south of here. Reports have been received that a number of others were injured. The dead are: James Abbott, wife and two children—Abbott, Dealy, aged six years; Lucy Bittling, aged eight years.

The storm started near Chionton on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road, eight miles from here and swept to the northeast, cutting a path from one-half to a mile wide and about twenty miles long.

The Abbott home was demolished and the four members of the family instantly killed. The storm then struck the Dealy home, blowing it to pieces, killing the young son and probably fatally injuring the father.

At Grand River, eight miles farther on the Bittling house was demolished, killing Lucy Bittling and breaking both the legs of her father, Leopold Bittling, a farmer. The tornado then passed into the Flint hills east of the river, and tore a strip through the woods as clean-cut as though made by wood choppers.

The tornado was followed by a torrential rain.

## TORNADO IN KANSAS.

Considerable Damage Done in and Around McPherson.

McPherson, Kan., April 26.—A tornado struck McPherson during the afternoon, demolishing six residences and causing more or less other damage to property. Three persons were injured, one seriously. Much damage was done in the country north of here. Beyond McPherson the tornado followed the ground, taking the path of an old watercourse. The tornado passed five miles southeast of Salina, wrecking telephone, telegraph and farm property.

## MANY HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

Seven People Killed by Tornado Near Fairland, I. T.

Fairland, I. T., April 26.—Seven people were killed by a tornado that passed through this section Sunday. Many houses were demolished.

## Many Injured in Tornado.

Houston, Tex., April 26.—A tornado passed three miles east of Mexico, Tex., during the day, demolishing the homes of A. B. Shanks, H. B. Butler, George Wolf and Dr. Bachelor. Miss Jennie Shanks was probably fatally injured and all of the members of the Shanks family were hurt.

## Two Children Killed.

Pine Bluff, Ark., April 26.—A tornado passed over Jefferson county killing two children and doing heavy property damage. At the town of Sherill many buildings were blown down.

## Would Send Newspapers Free.

Washington, April 26.—Representative Thomas of North Carolina has introduced a bill amending the postal laws providing that one copy each of all newspapers or publications of the second class may be sent through the mails free to receipted offices.

## FOR REPEAL OF LAND LAWS.

Senate Committee on Public Lands Evenly Divided.

Washington, April 26.—For the second time in the present session of congress bills to repeal the general land laws have been the subject of heated discussions in the senate committee on public lands. The Gibson bill for the repeal of the reclamation clause of the homestead act and the forest land act was called up and after a prolonged argument by various members of the committee, Senator Hendrick moved that a committee of five be appointed to meet during the recess of congress and report a bill to the next session which would meet the approval of Western members of congress. The motion was put and resulted 7 to 7, all absentees being voted with the exception of Senator Burton. Senator Newlands then moved that the Gibson bill be reported favorably and this was carried by a vote of 7 to 7.

With the absence of Senator Burton the committee is now evenly divided on the land question. The leaders of the two factions have the proxies of all senators likely to be absent and action at this session cannot be had.

## ODELL AT WASHINGTON.

Confers With President Regarding New York Politics.

Washington, April 26.—Governor Odell of New York arrived here during the day from Old Point Comfort, Va. He was joined soon after his arrival by Representative Littauer of New York and William C. Warren, editor of the Buffalo Commercial. Soon after 10 o'clock the three drove to the White house. Mr. Littauer left shortly afterwards for the Capitol, but Governor Odell remained with the president until afternoon. As he left the office he was besieged by newspaper men, but declined to make any statement concerning his talk with the president.

## THATCHER ON THE STAND.

Tells of Differences With Mormon Leaders Due to Politics.

Washington, April 26.—Moses Thatcher, whose name has been frequently mentioned during the Shoshone hearing, was a witness in that case during the day. He was an apostle at the time of his conflict with political offices and a great deal of testimony has been given in regard to his differences with the church on account of politics. Mr. Thatcher said the controversy with the church was in 1895 and 1896 and gave an explanation of his study of politics before he became active in one campaign. He also spoke of his duties as an apostle of the church. Thatcher minimized his trouble with the church and said he always recognized the power of a majority. The first friction, according to his story, followed a speech which he made in 1892, in which he criticized the Republicans, and a letter was sent by Joseph F. Smith and John Henry Smith protesting against his remarks.

Mr. Thatcher read from letters and speeches which appeared in pamphlets and other records. Among these speeches was one at Salt Lake in 1891 in which Thatcher seemed to take part in politics on account of his ecclesiastical position, but in which he commended the Democrats to assist the people so they would be understood in their position in favor of divorcing the Bible and the church in political affairs.

## NO RELIEF POSSIBLE.

Case Involving Virginia Suffrage Law Dismissed.

Washington, April 26.—The Virginia case involving the validity of the Virginia suffrage provision of the new Virginia constitution has been dismissed by the United States supreme court on the ground that no relief was possible from suits from which relief was sought having already been committed.

## RUSSIANS GET BUSY

### VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON, AFTER LONG INACTIVITY, APPEARS OFF GENSAN, KOREA.

### JAPANESE MERCHANT STEAMER SUNK

### FLEET EVIDENTLY ON LOOKOUT FOR UNPROTECTED TROOPSHIPS OF THE ENEMY.

Tokio, April 26.—The Russian Vladivostok squadron, after a long period of inactivity, suddenly appeared off Gensan on the east coast of Korea, during the morning and sank the Goro Maru, a Japanese merchant steamer of 6,000 tons.

A brief telegram received from Gensan during the day says three Russian cruisers had entered the harbor and that they were still there when



CAPTAIN REITZENSTEIN, Commander of Vladivostok Squadron.

The telegram was sent. Their arrival created consternation in the unprotected Japanese colony at Gensan.

It is thought here in Tokio that this Russian naval movement was made in the hope of intercepting some unprotected Japanese troopships. It is not believed that the squadron will remain at Gensan long.

## SHIPPING ENDANGERED.

Many Mines Adrift Near Port Arthur and Dalny.

Tokio, April 26.—The Japanese lines operating steamers on the Yellow sea and Gulf of Chilli are cancelling their sailings beyond Chemulpo, Korea, on account of the mechanical mines adrift from Port Arthur and Port Dalny. A cruiser discovered one forty miles off the shipping promontory and exploded it with a shot. It is known that the mines and currents have detached many mines. Several of them have been discovered and destroyed, but it is feared many are still being carried southward by the currents. Even in such navigation is dangerous, because some of the mines float partly submerged. Various expedients for freeing the sea of these derelicts, mostly impracticable, have been suggested, including a search by neutral warships outside the zone of operations.

## Denied by General Phug.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—Major General Phug, in a telegram from Port Arthur, formally denies the reports that the Japanese have crossed the Yalu river.

## WE CASH MILL CHECKS.

# AN ENTIRE WEEK OF SPECIAL BARGAINS.

From Monday until Saturday night we will offer to the public thousands of dollars worth of Choice, Snappy, Up-to-Date Merchandise at a fraction of what it cost to make it. It is your gain, and not our loss. The wholesale houses were long on merchandise and were willing to stand a loss to turn goods into cash. We had the cash and got the goods, and will pass them on to our customers at SPECIAL PRICES.

### Two Flyers in Men's Suits.

Lot No. 8901, one of our \$18.00 Suits for \$13.50

Lot No. 8779, one of our \$13.50 Suits for \$9.95

### Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits.

This week you can buy Ladies' Suits at this store for \$10, \$14, \$15, \$18, and \$20 that are easily worth twice the money.

### Pillow Tops.

5 doz 50c Pillow Tops at 29c each.

Children's Caps.—Children's Spring Caps, the 25c and 50c kind, your choice for 15 cents.

Men's Shirts.—1 lot Men's Working Shirts, the 50c kind for 29c each. 1 lot Men's Negligee Shirts, worth up to \$1.50 each; your choice for 49 cents.

### Men's Under-Shirts.

1 lot Men's Odd Under-shirts worth up to \$1.75, your choice 59c.

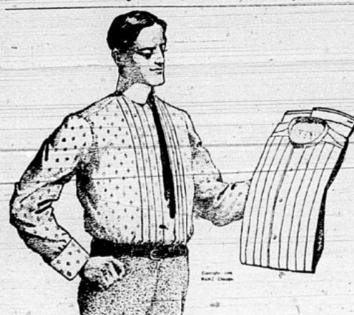
### Wash Goods.

100 pieces of Spring Wash Goods, Cantalina cloth, printed Madras, Iona-Novelties, and Berwick Zephers, worth from 35c to 65c; your choice 27c a yard. 1000 yards of short ends in Wash goods, worth from 10c to 25c, at 7c a yard.



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## SPECIAL SALE OF MEN'S SHOES.

For this week we will place on sale 250 pairs of Men's Dress Shoes at Two Dollars pair.

This lot consists of odd sizes and manufacturers' samples, and there are none in the lot worth less than \$2.00 PAIR. Vici, Box Calf, Valour Calf and a few Corona Patent Leathers.

All of the Style and the most Comfort



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