

JAP TRANSPORTS WRECKED WITH GREAT LOSS OF LIFE

LONDON, May 23.—The correspondent of the Central News at St. Petersburg reports that a dispatch has been received there stating that several Japanese transports were wrecked during a typhoon in the Yellow sea, with great loss of life.

It is also reported that typhoid fever has become epidemic in General Kuroki's army.

LONDON, May 23.—The Central News has received a report that the Russian cruiser Kronstadt has suffered an additional disaster by an explosion of gas in the bunkers, killing ten stokers and doing considerable damage to the vessel.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23.—There is a report current on the Bourse this afternoon that the Japanese army made a combined attack on the outer defenses at Port Arthur today and were repulsed.

The Japanese, according to the report, lost 15,000 men, the Russians 300.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23.—Advices from Mukden received here today state that the news of the Japanese disaster has just reached the Russian camp there. It is believed that the Japanese advance has been suspended.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23.—The Russian cruiser squadron from Vladivostok is reported to be north of Gensan, Korea.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23.—The report that the Russians blew up the cruiser Bogatyr, ashore on the rocks off Vladivostok, is confirmed. Refugees from Dalny arriving at Chefoo state that the entrance to Port Arthur harbor is clear, forts on the land side are completed, the battleships repaired and everything read for a Japanese attack.

On May 20 the Japanese gunboats and torpedo boats returned, when the Russians sunk a small gunboat and two torpedo boats, the greater part of the Japanese fleet keeping out of sight.

Several unsuccessful attempts were made by the Japanese to land at Dalny last week.

A wreck reported by the Japanese in the Gulf of Liao Tung as dangerous to navigation is believed to be one of the Japanese battleships.

Civilians are leaving Dalny daily in junks in anticipation of the expected attack on the town.

PAPAL BLESSING FOR OHIO COUPLE

HAMILTON, O., May 23.—A rare honor has been conferred upon George Bramlage and his wife of this city in the form of a blessing received from Pope Pius X. Tomorrow Mr. and Mrs. Bramlage will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The papal blessing is in documentary form and comprises a handsome picture of Pope Pius, together with the printed form of the official document. To this is affixed the papal seal and the "cross signature" of his holiness.

TO RESTORE THE MERCHANT MARINE

NEW YORK, May 23.—The committee directed by congress to investigate and report on the best methods of restoring the merchant marine assembled for its

first meeting at the Chamber of Commerce in this city today. Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire called the meeting to order.

NINE YEARS AT SING SING

NEW YORK, May 23.—David Rothschild, formerly president of the defunct Federal National bank, convicted of grand larceny, was sentenced this morning to nine years at Sing Sing.

MUST FACE THE MUSIC

ROME, May 23.—At the meeting of the college of cardinals today it was decided that Papal Secretary of State Merry Del Val must retain his post at least until the situation he has created has cleared.

ALLEGED MURDERER IS BEHIND THE BARS

Chief of Police Maloney left for Seattle early this morning to bring back Frank Pasquale, the alleged murderer of Charles S. Gray, who was captured at Ravensdale shortly after 8 o'clock last night.

Pasquale, in charge of Deputy Sheriff Starwich, who, with H. M. McIntyre, a Northern Pacific agent, effected the capture, reached Seattle about 10:30 this morning, and the prisoner was at once turned over to Chief Maloney.

The Italian, after eluding the officers of two counties for 48 hours, was trapped by the ingenious work of the telegraph agent at Covington and H. M. McIntyre, the Northern Pacific agent at Ravensdale. The Covington agent saw a man answering the description of Pasquale leave that place in the direction of Ravensdale about 6:30 last night. He at once telegraphed McIntyre of the fact. From the description given, McIntyre was convinced that the suspect was then tramping toward his station, and without losing any time he notified Deputy Sheriff Starwich, who was the only officer in the place at that time.

The two men then set about to formulate a plan for the capture of the much-wanted Italian. Arming themselves as best they could, they proceeded to Henry's Cut, a small station near Ravensdale. There they selected a secluded spot, commanding a view of the track for some distance toward Covington, and the wait for the approach of Pasquale was commenced.

Lying entirely hidden behind a clump of bushes, Starwich and McIntyre waited for what seemed hours to them. Finally their ears detected the measured tread of the approaching fugitive. For five minutes the captors lay quiet after the Italian came in sight. When within 20 feet of the concealed men, Pasquale stopped suddenly, apparently detecting something wrong. The instant he hesitated, Starwich and

McIntyre realized that they must act quickly or the desperate man would have the drop on them. Springing from behind the cover, McIntyre was on the Italian before the latter had time to draw his gun. An instant later Starwich slipped the handcuffs on the frantic fugitive, and he was marched off towards the Ravensdale station.

The Italian denied that he was Pasquale and roundly abused his captors, but when the station was reached and his clothing was searched enough evidence was found to satisfy McIntyre and Starwich that they had the right man.

On the Italian's person were found a dangerous-looking revolver, a dagger, a big jack-knife and a razor. Among some papers was a prescription signed by Dr. Warren Brown of Tacoma, for services performed at a time when it is known that Pasquale was in a local hospital.

When this paper was shown the man, he admitted that his name was Pasquale, but would not answer a question relative to the Gray murder. Continuing questioning, however, forced the Italian to admit that he knew Gray. "But why should I kill him?" he asked Deputy Starwich. "Pasquale gradually became more sulky, and when pressed with questions he would burst forth with curses and abuse. Left alone for a few minutes, he went sound asleep, showing that the man had had little rest during the two days and nights he was pursued.

Pasquale was guarded closely at Ravensdale during the night. To the officers he declared that he would make a statement today if they would not question him more last night, and it is believed that the man will make a confession when he realizes the fix he is in.

Local officers are at a loss to account for the Italian's escape from this vicinity. They believe he must have traveled all night after the murder was committed, and was safely out of their reach Saturday morning.

BURNING SHIP FLOATS WITH POWDER CARGO

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—The three-masted schooner Fannie Adele, loaded with gasoline, was almost entirely destroyed by an explosion at the foot of Sixteenth street shortly before 8 o'clock this morning.

Six men were blown into the water, but burned.

A few seconds after the explosion, which were four in number, the vessel broke from its moorings and went adrift in the bay, greatly endangering other ships. She made straight for the Golden Gate, narrowly missing a number of vessels at

anchor. The vessel and a \$25,000 cargo are a total loss.

In addition to a cargo of oil and gasoline, there was a large quantity of powder, all consigned to Cape Nome, on board. The powder failed to explode with the gasoline, and this created great apprehension as the heavy bulk drifted towards the Golden Gate.

Early this afternoon the vessel was off Blossom Rock and was still burning. The Fannie Adele was built at Eureka, California.

SENSATIONAL MURDER TRIAL IN PROGRESS IN INDIANA

RISING SUN, Ind., May 23.—Myron Barbour, brother-in-law of James Gillespie, on trial for the alleged murder of his twin sister Elizabeth, and indicted as accessory before the fact, went on the stand this morning and gave a clear statement of his whereabouts on the night of the murder. He did not remember seeing Gillespie the day of the murder, and entered a general denial of all the testimony offered by the state.

The trial is creating great interest because of the prominence of the Gillespie family. Grandfather, father and son have ministered to the physical ills of the people of this locality. Dr. William Gillespie, a wealthy physician of Cincinnati, sits in court beside his brother James. He seems far more attention to James than to his sister, Mrs. Seward. Mrs. Seward's grown son, Earl, is her constant attendant. Mrs. Barbour is accompanied by her three sisters, one of whom came from Oklahoma to be with her. Part of the time Dr. Thaddeus Reamy of Cincinnati, an uncle of Mrs. Barbour, is by her side. It was Dr. Reamy who, on hearing of the arrest of his niece, brought \$50,000 in cash from Cincinnati to Rising Sun to deposit as cash bail.

One day last week, in public, Dr. Reamy placed his arm around his niece and said: "Carrie, you don't look like a criminal." "No, uncle," she replied, "they are on the wrong track this time."

Myron Barbour, cashier of the local national bank, is accompanied by his widowed mother. Barbour has been the pet of the community since childhood, and is still regarded by older residents as a boy. They allude to him as such. When Myron graduated from the high school he was taken into the national bank, where he was rapidly advanced to the position of cashier.

Many believe that Barbour's indictment is due solely to his loyalty to his wife. Instead of having all the facts as he knew them, Barbour preferred to keep silent. A great bond of affection exists between the Gillespie family and Mrs. Barbour, who is a sister of the wife of Dr. Gillespie. The bank officials offered to employ the best lawyers in the United States of Barbour would stand trial alone. Under the influence of his wife, he spurred the offer of

the men who had been his friends since childhood and took his chances with the other accused.

EXPLOSION!

CAMDEN, N. J., May 23.—An explosion in the mixing house of the Independent Fireworks company in Woodlynne this morning caused the death of two Italians and injured five other workmen. Arms, legs and portions of flesh were scattered for yards in every direction. Not a sign of the building remains. Half an hour later 50 girls would have been at work.

The explosion was caused by one man dashing a scoop into a keg of chloride of potash.

ASSISTANT CHIEF WANTS NEW WAGON

Commissioner of Public Works Welch will receive bids tomorrow to furnish the city with a buggy for the assistant chief of the fire department. The little red wagon now in use has seen so many years of active service that it is becoming unsafe to use in a run to a fire.

THIRST PARLOR SOLD

A bill of sale, given by John Kenna to J. B. Mamlock, covering the fixtures and stock of the Hunters' Home saloon, located at 401 East Twenty-fifth street, has been filed. Liquid refreshments will continue to be dispensed there, but by a new hand.

THESE WILL WED

There is abundant proof that Tacoma people love on another. There were three marriage licenses issued this morning before 10 o'clock, and the following couples will take each other for better or for worse: Alv Orr and Maybelle M. Snure; G. A. Hoffman and Ruth E. Denning; J. J. Metzger and Florence M. Kirton.

Retreating Across the Yalu



When the Japs drove the Cossacks across the Yalu, these cavalrymen proved their right to the title of "the best horsemen in the world, except the American rough rider." They plunged their animals into the ice-choked water, but kept dry themselves by standing on their saddles.

OPIUM SMUGGLERS ARE CAPTURED

SEATTLE, May 23.—The government officials here and the local police seized 2,000 pounds of contraband opium this morning, which is one of the biggest hauls

ever made in Seattle. Three arrests were made Saturday and one of the suspects confessed where the opium was hidden. The value of the opium is \$11 a pound.

BURGLARS TRAPPED

Betrayed by a sailor in which they had confided, Thomas C. Stevens and Joe Davis, who admit burglarizing Adolf Gehri's hardware store on the night of May 16, were yesterday arrested and lodged in the city jail.

The capture of the two alleged burglars was effected by Detective Fitzgerald of the police force, who has worked at the case continuously.

A few days after the young burglars came into the possession of enough hardware articles to commence business, they confided to a sailor friend about their successful haul, and entrusted him with a few razors to be disposed of at figures far below the market price. The sailor at once proceeded to Seattle, but was quickly taken in by the police there on suspicion. Detective Fitzgerald, on one of his regular visits to Seattle, heard of the arrest, and had an interview with the sailor. Convinced that he had a clue to the Tacoma burglary, Fitzgerald secured permission to bring the sailor back to Tacoma, and by promising the latter immunity from punishment the detective drew from him a fund of valuable information. The outgrowth of the interview was that the sailor should meet the burglars by appointment and there received more razors and knives. In the meantime Detective Fitzgerald was to make his appearance and nab the three together. The sailor lived up to his agreement, but was unable to induce both of the burglars to meet him. Davis for some cause failing to appear.

On receiving the signal from the sailor, Fitzgerald stepped from his hiding place and arrested Stevens. This occurred about 11:30 yesterday morning, and by 10 o'clock last night Davis was also in jail.

In Stevens' room on Seventh street a valise full of the stolen articles was found, and both of the men were carrying pocket knives that were stolen from the Gehri store.

Stevens and Davis, when questioned at the Central station, admitted that they committed the crime, and the former told the officers that they would find most of the articles in his room.

The hardware supplies stolen were valued at \$300, and consisted of 2 razors, 108 pocket knives and various other articles.

HEKEL'S DEATH AN ACCIDENT

Coroner E. M. Brown has decided that Adolph Hekel, the farmer who was found dead two miles from his home near Eatonville, met his death by the accidental discharge of a rifle which he was carrying. The bullet was fired upwards, entering the right temple and going out the top of the head. The position of the remains also confirmed this belief.

Hekel was known to be criminally careless in the way he handled his gun, always using it as a cane, carrying it by the

barrel. On two or three occasions he had escaped death by a narrow margin. He leaves a wife and three children, the oldest of whom is 7 years old. He carried \$1,000 life insurance.

Hekel had been a resident of the country near Eatonville for over 14 years, and was well known in Eatonville, Elbe and Tacoma. Coroner Brown and Deputy Sheriff Doten yesterday visited the place where the remains of the farmer were found and the body was brought to Mellinger's undertaking rooms in this city.

DIED ON WAY TO HOSPITAL

William H. Fisk, a well known farmer of Orting, died yesterday while on his way to a Tacoma hospital. He, with some others, had been clearing land on a hillside on Friday, when a log rolled down and caught him, completely severing his left leg at the knee. He was quickly taken to his home, but as he continues to weaken it was decided best bring him to the hospital for treatment.

Deceased was 62 years of age and had been a resident of the Orting section for 14 years. He leaves a widow and five children. The funeral will be held from Hoska's chapel tomorrow at 1 o'clock.

MANY WANT TO PAY TAXES

These are busy days for John B. Reed, county treasurer. His office is thronged with visitors daily, the attraction being due to the fact that taxes become delinquent on May 1. Taxpayers who can gather together a number of checks are anxious to escape the privilege of paying 15 per cent which will be added to taxes unpaid after that date.

TACOMA THE FIRST TO ADVERTISE

J. S. Whitehouse, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, received a letter from Frank LaWall, Tacoma's representative at the St. Louis fair, this morning. He states that the people all say that the Washington building is the most characteristic of any on the grounds and it attracts large crowds, consequently inquiries concerning Tacoma and vicinity are asked thick and fast.

He says that Tacoma was the first city to have advertising literature on the grounds. The weather in St. Louis, states Mr. LaWall, is very bad.

CHANCE TO VISIT NISQUALLY CANYON

The Ferry museum management will give an excursion to Nisqually canyon and Elbe on Decoration day, Monday, May 30. The train will leave the Tacoma Eastern depot at 8:30 a. m., arriving at Elbe at 3 p. m., stopping at the narrows at the head of the canyon and at La Grande. Each stop will be for 30 minutes. The train will reach Tacoma about 7 p. m. Fare \$1.50; children under 14 years, 75c.

THE STRIKE WILL AFFECT THOUSANDS

NEW YORK, May 23.—The strike of the freight handlers on the New Haven Railway company's Sound steamers threatens to spread to all coastwise steamers within a few days. It is reported that the firemen and oilers on the Mallory line

have demanded an increase and will strike to enforce it. Thirty thousand truck drivers also may be drawn into the strike. The New Haven company has engaged scores of Pinkertons to protect its property.

HEARST MAKES FIGHT IN OHIO

COLUMBUS, O., May 23.—The Democratic state convention will meet here tomorrow and Wednesday to choose delegates-at-large to the national convention. The delegates are slow in arriving and few of the party leaders are expected to put in an appearance before tomorrow.

What course the convention will take with regard to the several matters upon which it is called to act appears at this stage to be very uncertain. Even the politicians supposed to be best acquainted with the situation hesitate to venture a prediction.

Hearst has been pursuing an active campaign in Ohio and one of his followers has been chosen for temporary chairman. The striking feature of the situation up to date appears to be the utter lack of interest taken in the convention by those heretofore looked upon the leaders of the party. Even Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland is not displaying his wonted activity. He has declared his opposition to the Hearst movement, but has made no active fight and expressed no wish to go as a delegate to the national convention. It is freely predicted that unless the opposition awakes from its apathy Hearst will surely succeed in his effort to control the convention.

ROSES PAY THE RENT OF CHURCH

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—A score of the descendants of the Caspar Wistar, liv-

ing in Philadelphia and Germantown, journeyed to Stoucton today to attend the annual Whitmonday feast of roses at Tulpehocken Reformed church.

Nearly 150 years ago Caspar Wistar, of Philadelphia, transferred to the congregation the land upon which the present church and parsonage stand. There was a condition in the deed that a red rose was to be paid annually. It was never observed until two years ago, when the back red rose rent was paid by presenting the Wistar descendants with 12 red roses. Since then the Wistar descendants contributed money for a new organ for the church. In recognition of this the congregation decided to add a white rose to the annual rental. The presentation of the two flowers was made this morning in the presence of more than 1,000 persons.

BIG COLLERY IS BURNING

SHAMOKIN, Pa., May 23.—The Sterling colliery was set on fire this morning by a dynamite blast. Three hundred miners barely escaped before black damp collected. A fierce conflagration is raging, which all available men are fighting.