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ENFORCEMENTS FOR RUSSIAN SQUADRON

Admiral Nebogatoff's Fleet Has Joined Rojestvsky.

FOUR BOATS LEFT AT KAMRANH

Vladivostok is the Objective Point of the Russian Squadron—However, Admiral Togo's Squadron is Between Them and This Destination.

Tsing Tau, Shan Tung Peninsula, China, April 28.—A private telegram received here says that Admiral Rojestvsky's fleet has joined Nebogatoff's detachment.

News from Russian Capital.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—1:15 p. m. According to the calculations of the naval staff, Vice Admiral Nebogatoff, who left Jibuti, French Somaliland, March 25, if he has been making 20 knots per day, should reach Singapore tomorrow and could not unite his division with Vice Admiral Rojestvsky in Tonquin bay until May 5. The general opinion is that their juncture is assured on the theory that Admiral Togo would not dare to risk sailing south to meet Nebogatoff since, by so doing, he would leave the way to Vladivostok open to Rojestvsky.

Four Transports in Kamranh Bay.

Kamranh Bay, via Saigon, Cochinchina, April 28.—The only ships remaining in Kamranh bay are four German transports. All the rest of the transports and Russian hospital ship Orel and other vessels left behind by Admiral Rojestvsky, left. They are assembled outside of the bay and form an extended line stretching from Cape Varela to the head of the Kamranh peninsula. Torpedo boats are scouting in all directions.

The two freight laden steamers captured by Admiral Rojestvsky, were under the German flag. It is presumed that they are suspected of having contraband of war on board.

News from Japanese Capital.

Tokio, April 27.—4 p. m.—The movements of the squadron commanded by Admiral Rojestvsky and the intentions of the Russian commander continue to be the subject of general interest and speculation.

The last Japanese reports are conflicting, and confusing. They do not indicate definitely the purpose of Rojestvsky, but it is evidently the intention of the Russian admiral to wait a junction with the division commanded by Admiral Nebogatoff, which increases the probability of his intention to give Admiral Togo a decisive battle.

It is assumed that Rojestvsky will bring all the ships and guns possible into action, if he intends to fight, or will detach and abandon his slow, cumbersome and useless ships if he intends to run the gauntlet to Vladivostok. It is believed that the location and date of the engagement will depend entirely on Rojestvsky.

The Japanese defensive plans are concealed with absolute secrecy. The proclamations issued are viewed calmly by the officials and public. The people appreciate the importance of the retaining the sea power of Japan and the great consequences which hang on victory or defeat, but they are confident of success owing to the superiority in numbers and strength of the armored cruisers of Japan, which it is believed counter balance the Russian superiority in battleships.

Confederate Monument Unveiled.

Birmingham, Ala., April 28.—Confederate Memorial day was observed here by the unveiling of a monument erected in Capital park by Pelha chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, to the confederate soldiers and sailors. A procession of veterans, militia and citizens marched to the park, where the ceremonies of unveiling occurred. General George P. Harrison, of Opelika, commander in chief of the confederate veterans of Alabama, was the orator of the day. Decoration of confederate graves at Oak Hill cemetery followed.

STRIKE SPREADS IN CHICAGO.

Many Teamsters Join the Ranks of Those Who Struck Recently.

Chicago, April 28.—The teamsters strike which has hitherto affected less than a hundred men and has been confined to a boycott of Montgomery, Ward & Co., spread today to the wholesale and retail houses of Marshall, Field & Co., and Carson, Pirie, Scott and to the wholesale house of J. V. Farwell company.

Strike pickets with orders to prevent, if possible, the handling of any goods by nonunion men were placed about the stables, store and warehouses of the firms named. As a result of the spreading of the strike 45 heavy trucks and 40 city delivery wagons were kept behind locked doors in the Field delivery barn. At the Carson, Pirie, Scott barns also the doors were kept closed, the reason assigned being to prevent pickets learning what preparations were being made. Drivers for the railroad express companies refused today to haul or deliver goods to the firms against which teamsters had struck.

One hundred and ninety drivers of the A. M. Forbes Cartage company struck today. The strike of the Forbes men had the effect of interfering partly or wholly with the teaming of 60 other firms for whom the Forbes company furnished wagons.

WOMAN SUDDENLY DISAPPEARS

Was Chief Witness in Colorado Election Fraud Case.

Pueblo, Colo., April 28.—Mrs. Blanche Shaw, the principal witness against former City Detective E. H. Wilson, will be on trial for alleged fraudulent election registration, has mysteriously disappeared, and District Attorney White has stated that he believes the woman has been kidnaped by persons who do not want the election cases prosecuted. As a result of the disappearance of the chief witness the case against Wilson has been vacated and will not be reset until the woman can be found. N. S. Walpole, the newly appointed postmaster in Pueblo, is a defendant in several indictments in which Wilson also figures.

It is known that the woman was offered \$500 and a ticket to Mexico to leave the city Tuesday. According to her statement to the district attorney, she refused the offer, but she disappeared that night while the police were watching her.

Every effort is being made to locate the woman.

LAWYERS ENGAGE IN DUEL.

Young Legal Lights of Birmingham Have Pistol Fight.

Birmingham, Ala., April 28.—R. L. Leatherwood and W. A. Denson, prominent young lawyers, engaged in a pistol duel on South Twentieth street this morning. Eye-witnesses say Leatherwood fired the first shot. Each of the participants fired five times. Denson was wounded in the leg and neck but will recover, it is thought. C. C. Caswell, a negro drayman, was slightly wounded by one of the bullets.

Leatherwood is in jail. The shooting grew out of an old feud which began last year by each of the participants reporting the other to the state bar association for alleged violation of legal ethics. Afterwards Denson struck Leatherwood with a piece of iron pipe badly wounding him.

Denson is a son of former Congressman W. H. Denson.

Y. W. C. A. in Annual Session.

Detroit, April 28.—Four group prayer services led by prominent members of the committee opened the first day's session of the Tenth biennial convention of the American committee, federated with the World's Young Women's Christian association. The resolution services were followed by a business meeting to the general and secretarial departments.

Mrs. Calve Applauds Bull Fight.

San Sebastian, Spain, April 28.—Mrs. Calve was the center of attraction at a bull fight here. She applauded vigorously and enjoyed the spectacle immensely. Anna Heid was at the same fight, but fainted when a horse was killed and had to be carried out.

NAN PATTERSON

WILL NOT TESTIFY

Unless Prosecution Gets Some New Evidence.

WILL RELY ON STATE'S WITNESS

Pawnbroker Does Not Identify Either Actress or Sister or Morgan Smith as the One Who Purchased Pistol With Which Young Was Slain.

New York, April 28.—Unless the prosecution has some striking bit of evidence discovered since the last trial and which has been zealously concealed thus far, Nan Patterson's fate probably will be entrusted to the jury on the case as presented by her accusers. After yesterday's session, when Pawnbroker Hyman Stern failed to identify either J. Morgan Smith, Mrs. Smith or Miss Patterson, as persons who were present in his store when the revolver, which killed Caesar Young was purchased, Abraham Levy, Miss Patterson's counsel, said he was confident that the state's case had fallen flat.

"Nan Patterson needs no defense," said Mr. Levy, after a conference with his associate counsel. The defendant will go to the jury on the case as made out by the state when assistant District Attorney Rand closes the testimony.

Mr. Levy added that Miss Patterson was not in favor of this program—that she wanted to go on the stand again, tell the jury her own story and herself try to convince them of her innocence. She will not be permitted to influence the conduct of the case this time, as in the previous trial, however.

If the prosecutor follows the course of the previous trial, as has been taken up to this point, the only important witnesses remaining to be examined are Mrs. Young, the widow of the dead bookmaker, and John Millen, his racing partner.

It is probable, however, that the letters seized when the Smiths were arrested at Cincinnati which did not appear at the last trial, will be put in evidence. What these letters contain is not yet made public. These letters are expected to throw some light on the reason for the Smiths' hurried departure from this city and the alleged determined efforts to evade agents of the district attorney who were searching for them.

An interesting thing developed was the statement given out by Mrs. Fannie Shapiros in which she claims to have been within a yard of the cab when the shot was fired and she expressed her willingness to go on the stand and swear that Young held the weapon which caused his death.

Mrs. Margaret Young the widow of the dead bookmaker, went on the stand this afternoon. She testified that her husband never had owned a revolver, but that she had one and that she packed it away with a box of cartridges in her baggage when she was preparing to go to Europe just before her husband was killed. The revolver was loaded when she put it in the suit case a year ago, and the cartridges still remain in the chambers. She identified the weapon which was produced by Mr. Rand. The only time the weapon was discharged to her knowledge, she said, was when she fired several shots at a burglar.

When this revolver was found in Young's baggage soon after the end of the last trial, the counsel for the defense claimed that it proved conclusively that witnesses had testified to what was not true when they said that Young never had owned a revolver.

Wanted to Spring Death Trap.

Tusula, Miss., April 28.—Lige Thomas, a negro, was hanged here for the murder of a white man named Howell, on Peters Island, last November. R. N. Boswell, of Texas, a brother of Thomas' victim, came here to witness the execution. He requested permission of the officials to be allowed to spring the death trap. The request was refused.

ANSWERS PRESIDENT SPENCER.

Author of Railroad Rate Bill Discusses the Subject.

Detroit, Mich., April 28.—Congressman James E. Townsend, of Jackson, Mich., author of the Townsend Railroad rate bill, spoke last night before a meeting of the Michigan manufacturers' association. Mr. Townsend took up the speech delivered by President Spencer, of the Southern railroad, at Pittsburg, April 7.

"We do not ask wholesale reduction of rates," said Mr. Townsend, "we want the commission to have power to decide what is a just rate when the rates have been challenged. Secret rebates mean the loss of millions by the railroads, but the railroads are most arrant cowards."

"Traffic men do not know the valuation of transportation of a given article, a given distance and admit they cannot find out. How then do they fix the rates—by putting on all the traffic will stand."

"We are asking nothing more than as President Roosevelt expressed it in his message to 'keep the highways open to all on equal terms.' President Spencer says he agrees with the president's sentiment and yet he attacks the bill which seeks to bring this about. The same arguments now used against the original interstate commerce bill, and yet Mr. Spencer says the original law is a good one and adequate to deal with all abuses which may arise."

HARGIS ADDRESSES THE JURY.

Declares His Innocence in a Most Dramatic Manner.

Lexington, Ky., April 28.—Judge Hargis today resumed his testimony under cross-examination for the state after being on the stand for two days and a half. He said in response to a question that he had not told newspaper men on one occasion that he believed Cockrill was a desperado and murderer that any community was better off without him and he did not regret his assassination, but he said that that was the way he felt about it. He said he had warrants issued against himself and brothers at Jackson in order to keep Fayette county from getting jurisdiction over them. The cross-examination closed at this point.

At the close of his testimony Hargis asked the court to allow him to make a statement to the jury. His counsel objected but the court allowed the statement. Raising himself to his full height Judge Hargis faced the jury and exclaimed, as he pointed to his wife and daughter sitting near:

"I just want to say to these 12 men that I am not guilty of this charge, and if I were, I wish never again that woman to call me husband or that child to call me father."

The prosecution objected and the judge excluded the statement.

Fatal Cutting Affray.

Hiwassee, Ga., April 28.—On the headwaters of Tallulah river, in this county, Mayberry Eiler and Joe Garrett got into a drunken fight and Garrett almost severed Eiler's head from his body with a heavy pocket knife. Eiler objected to Garrett keeping company with his niece while intoxicated. All the parties had attended a marriage in the settlement and Garrett had started home with Eiler's niece. Eiler walked in between them and told his niece to go on with his wife and walked away himself. Garrett drew his knife and followed Eiler about 50 yards and assaulted him from behind, cutting him very badly, three places in the back of the neck and head.

Navy Officer a Suicide.

Newport News, April 28.—Lieutenant L. A. P. F. Starke, of the German cruiser Bremen, has committed suicide aboard the ship. His fellow officers say he was temporarily insane as a result of ill-health for six months. The officers of the cruiser were assembled in the mess-room laughing and talking, when Lieutenant Starke excused himself and went to his stateroom. He had shown no special signs of melancholy and had taken part in the conversation. A few minutes later a muffled report was heard and officers found Starke dead with a wound in his head and a rifle by his side.

MILWAUKEE BANKER GOES IN BANKRUPTCY

His Attorneys File Petition in United States Court.

LIABILITIES ARE THREE MILLION

Amount of Money Owed to Banks and Estates is Enormous—Bankers Are Staggered at the Way This Milwaukee Banker Handled Funds.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 28.—Frank G. Bigelow, National bank president, has confessed an indebtedness to banks and other institutions and estates of which he had charge will aggregate between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, and based on his confession a voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the United States district court, which contains the names of as many of Mr. Bigelow's creditors as he can remember, together with a list of assets on which Mr. Bigelow's valuation is \$1,419,000.

By his own admission, his creditors extend all over the United States. His indebtedness to the Broadhead estate is \$300,000, and the debt is unsecured. It is also believed that other trusts held by the former banker have suffered. Those familiar with the situation fear Mr. Bigelow's liabilities will exceed his present estimate.

Attorney Charles P. Spooner, who filed the voluntary petition in behalf of Mr. Bigelow, was compelled to make up the petition in such a short time that it is far from complete and will necessarily have to be amended. So far as could be ascertained Mr. Bigelow had no system of keeping a record of his financial transactions and the schedule of liabilities and assets had to be made up from a list made in pencil on half a sheet of note paper in Mr. Bigelow's handwriting.

The system of Mr. Bigelow in conducting large affairs are such as to stagger the belief of bankers. The filing of the petition in bankruptcy will necessitate the withdrawal of the securities which were turned over by Mr. Bigelow to the First National bank as being made within four months of the filing of the petition in bankruptcy it constitutes an act of preference of creditors and the amount which was estimated at about \$300,000 will be equally divided among all the creditors.

This, however, will in no way affect the bank.

"The petition was formulated in such haste," said Mr. Spooner, "that the schedule and lists of assets, as well as one of the systems of companies are inaccurate."

"It was compiled from the recollections of Mr. Bigelow, as he had no books or memoranda at his house, apparently, from which definite figures could be obtained. However, I am convinced that Mr. Bigelow gave me the best information he had at hand."

Among the assets listed in the schedule were some which were turned over to the First National bank, which will now be distributed among all the creditors according to the decision of the referee in bankruptcy. The action is in no way unfriendly to the First National bank. The news of Mr. Bigelow's obligations to the banks in the United States and that trust funds have been used fairly took the breath away of some of the officials of the First National bank, who had hitherto been loathe to believe the rumors that the former president had been obtaining money from outside sources. Although they were aware of the fact that the petition in bankruptcy was to be filed they did not know of the items which is contained.

Will Observe Sun's Eclipse.

San Francisco, April 28.—Arrangements are nearing completion at the Lick observatory for the three expeditions that institution is shortly to send out to various parts of the world to observe the eclipse of Aug. 30 next. In addition to seven tons of apparatus from the Lick observatory the lenses and photographic apparatus of the Harvard astronomical observatory will be used.