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TEN CENTS A WEEK

OVER FIVE HUNDRED JAPANESE ARE KILLED

Powder Magazine on Big Battleship Explodes.

AFTER EXPLOSION SHIP SINKS

Fire Started from Unknown Cause and Before Officers and Crew Could Be Rescued, the Flames Reached the Magazines.

Tokio, Sept. 12.—2 p. m.—The navy department announces that the battleship Mikasa has been destroyed by fire and the explosion of its magazines causing the loss of 599 lives, including those of other ships, who went to the rescue.

The fire started from an unknown cause at midnight on Sunday night, Sept. 10. Before the officers could be rescued, the fire reached the aft magazine which exploded, blowing a hole in the port side of the vessel below the water line, and causing the ship to sink.

An investigation is now being held to determine the cause of the fire.

The Mikasa was a first-class battleship of 15,200 tons displacement. She was built in England and was launched in 1902. The battleship was 400 feet long and had a speed of over 18 knots and carried four 14-inch guns, fourteen 8-inch guns, twenty 1-pounders, and a number of rapid fire guns. She had four submerged torpedo tubes.

Tokio's Police Chief Resigns.

Tokio, Sept. 13.—10:30 a. m.—The resignation of Tsunayoshi Adachi, chief of police, is received with delight here as showing the conciliatory position of the government. The Jiji and other local newspapers advocate the solution of the Metropolitan police situation by a new man in the position of chief. This institution was created at a time when rebellion against the early Meiji government was apprehended. A sweeping reform of the present police system is now deemed necessary by citizens of the more thoughtful class.

Great Volcano in Samoa Island.

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—Among the passengers who arrived today on the Tiner Sierra was J. F. Brim, a Mormon missionary from Samoa, who a few days before joining the Sierra at Tutuila visited the scene of the great volcano eruption on the island of Suvaivi. The eruption was still active when he came away. The lava, still flowing, had covered a distance of 4 miles. The eruption occurred in a mountain behind the district of Matautu. About 3 o'clock in the morning of August 21, the natives and missionaries for 10 miles around were awakened by a terrific booming. Investigation showed three volcanoes on the Matautu slope in full eruption. The Safotu volcano, 20 miles away has also awakened from a long slumber and is once more in full eruption. The town of Safotu is menaced by the flow of lava.

Railroad is Held Responsible.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 13.—Juries of inquiry from Norfolk city and county who investigated the wreck of the Kingston-Greenville excursion train on the Atlantic Coast Line railway, which went through an open draw over the Western Branch of the Elizabeth river near Bruce's station, Aug. 17, when 17 persons lost their lives and 50 or more were injured, today returned verdicts holding the railroad company responsible because of its alleged negligence in trusting the train to Engineer Reig, who is said to have been unfamiliar with that division of the road.

Bride Charged with Murder.

Eiren, O., Sept. 13.—Mrs. Orrin D. Rugg, of Calumet, Okla., has been held for the murder of her husband, who died under mysterious circumstances Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Rugg had been married only three months. The coroner's inquest found that Rugg, who was a well-to-do contractor, had come to his death by poisoning.

ROBBER SHOTS WOMAN.

Discovered in Bedroom He is Attacked and Uses Gun.

Greenwich, Conn., Sept. 13.—Mrs. C. W. Morrell, daughter of E. C. Converse, of New York, an officer of the United States Steel company, was shot by a burglar who entered her residence here early today. The bullet struck her chin, an imbedding itself in her shoulder.

At about 2:30 o'clock a nurse who has her room on the second floor of the Morrell residence, was awakened from a flash of a burglar's lantern. She screamed and the man attacked her with the butt of a revolver bruising her arms and shoulders and breaking two of her fingers. A woman guest of Mrs. Morrell heard the screams and when she entered the nurse's room, the burglar who was still struggling with the nurse, fired a shot but the bullet went high and struck the ceiling. At this juncture Mrs. Morrell appeared on the scene and the man aimed a shot at her, the bullet taking effect as described.

The burglar dashed through the door and made his escape.

Several hours later a man was arrested at the Greenwich restaurant on suspicion of being the burglar. He said he had been at the Morrell residence to see the cook last evening but he denied any knowledge of the assault.

RECORD-BREAKING EXECUTION.

Murder and Rapist is Executed Legally in Short Time.

Auburn, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Record-breaking celerity was the only unusual feature of the electrocution of Henry Manser today in the death chamber of Auburn prison.

The witnesses entered the room at 6:05 o'clock. Manser was escorted to the chair one minute later. In another minute he had been pinioned in the chair and the mask had been drawn over his face. State Executor Davis immediately made connections with the fatal lever and 1,880 volts of electricity coursed through the body for three minutes, this was reduced gradually and then the full strength was again turned on.

Manser was dead in precisely three minutes after walking to the chair. He had not emitted a murmur, nor shown any indication of fear.

The crime for which Manser forfeited his life was committed in the little town of Scribe, 6 miles east of Oswego, near the edge of a piece of woods on Sunday, May 28, last. He waylaid Cora Sweet, a child of 12 summers, and induced the unsuspecting child to accompany him into the woods, where according to his own confession, he ravished and murdered her.

May Modify Immigration Law.

Hong Kong, Sept. 13.—Representative Chinese in discussing the Chinese anti-boycott with Secretary Taft, on Sept. 5, suggested a modification of the definition of "laborer;" the exemption of business assistants and the validity of consular certificates to be accepted as final evidence of identification. They propose the issuance of passports revised by American consuls for the admission of Chinese similar to those in use for subject of foreign governments, and they also ask for an improvement in the condition of detention sheds in America. Secretary Taft in concurring with the propositions presented by the Chinese, undertook to bring them to the attention of President Roosevelt on his return to America.

Linemen Are Electrocuted.

Waterbury, Conn., Sept. 13.—Joseph Ring, of this place, was killed, Edward Saun, residence unknown, was injured, probably fatally, and John Ross, of Waterbury, was badly burned by contact with a live electric wire at the plant of the Scoville Manufacturing company today. All the men were electricians, and were at work on the wires. A strange feature of the accident is that Ring and Saun received their injuries in rescuing Ross who was the first to come in contact with the dangerous wire. Ross received the full force of the current, but he will probably recover.

REJOICING OVER THE SMALL DEATH RATE

New Orleans People Believe They Control Situation.

OUTSIDE TOWNS CALL FOR AID

The Federal and State Authorities Are Doing All in Their Power to Help Rural Communities—Steamer Resumes Trips.

New Orleans, Sept. 13.—Showers and sunshine in the day time with cooler nights continue here but contrary to expectations there is no resulting increase in the mortality which, in the past, has been heavy under such adverse meteorological conditions.

There was little change in the yellow fever situation today. Dr. Warner is impressing upon the people the necessity of guarding against indifference.

"It is true," said Dr. Warner, today, "that owing to the lectures of Dr. Kohnke, the doubting Thomases, like the mosquitoes, have grown less, but one doubting Thomas or one infested mosquito can do great damage. We have not stopped it entirely. The greatest danger to my mind is the failure of physicians to recognize yellow fever and therefore I say that every citizen might promptly to report sickness whether it is in his own home or in his neighbor's. It will do no harm, and it may save many lives."

The theaters are to open here at the end of the week. Both have stock companies. A third, the Greenwall, may open a week later. If the Texas authorities will permit companies from here to enter that state and play the Texas circuit, Manager Greenwall today wrote the Texas authorities on the subject.

Excellent Effect of Death Rate.

The clean score in the matter of deaths in the preceding 24 hours has had a most excellent effect on the people of New Orleans, and in such evidence that the fever is under control to respond to the appeal of Dr. White to exert themselves to the utmost in the war against the mosquito. It is felt by the authorities not to be a matter of great difficulty to stamp out the fever, if the people will faithfully follow instructions now that the malignant character of the disease has disappeared.

Appeals continue to come to the governor and the state board of health from the country for assistance. Leeville has been in need of help and Governor Blanchard is to send money there while the wholesale merchants here have contributed a carload of provisions. Tallulah is in the throes of despondency but Dr. Chassaignac and a staff of nurses are scheduled to reach there today and it is believed that the town thereafter will again take heart.

People continue to leave Lake Providence, and the authorities are making no effort to detain them because the fewer number of people who remain in the town the sooner will the disease be checked for want of material. Four new cases of fever have appeared at LaFonche crossing, where there was fever about six weeks ago, but the settlement is completely isolated and it is thought that the disease can be prevented from spreading. The Patterson situation is still serious and the community is completely out of funds.

The steamer Frank B. Hayne leaves today for the river points. This is the first boat to leave for that section since the fever first appeared. People in the country tributary to the Ouachita river have been shut off from New Orleans for nearly seven weeks, and are in sore need of provisions and merchandise. Recently they appealed to local merchants and the board of trade for relief and the starting of the Hayne is the result. The steamer will be permitted to discharge and receive freight under such regulations as local health boards may impose.

One New Case at Natchez.

Natchez, Miss., Sept. 13.—One new

case of yellow fever, that of Anna Overton, a negress, on Lincoln avenue, ported this morning. One patient near the original infection, was released from the hospital today.

One Death at Pensacola.

Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 13.—The Russian Jew, who was found in the woods yesterday near Pensacola, wet from the recent rains, covered with ants and mosquitoes and suffering from yellow fever, died at the hospital this morning. There were no new cases reported up to noon today.

LOOKING FOR MOTORMAN.

Police Searching for Man Who Had Charge of Wrecked Train.

New York, Sept. 13.—Detectives continued to search the city during the night for Paul Kelly, motorman of the Ninth avenue elevated train, which jumped the track yesterday at Fifty-third street junction and caused the death of a dozen people and the injury of a large number.

It is feared Kelly has made good his escape. Information reached the police station last night that his sweetheart had managed during the afternoon to draw Kelly's money from a savings bank. The motorman was a strike-breaker who entered the company's employ six months ago. He came here from St. Louis.

According to some of the passengers on the ill-fated train, things went wrong with the motorman from the beginning of his trip down town. At One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street it is said he started the train with such a jerk that a woman carrying a baby was thrown down in the aisle of the first car and the baby was hurt.

Kelly came out of the motor box to see whether she was badly injured and a number of men passengers spoke to him with some roughness, which he resented. The passengers assert that the train continued its course down town with sudden stops and starts which caused much alarm long before the accident.

No additions to the casualty list were reported during the night.

There remained in Roosevelt hospital 12 injured and in Bellevue hospital five. Twenty-two others had been treated and sent to their homes.

JAPANESE ARE VERY ANGRY.

Baron Komura May Be Met With Hostile Demonstration.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 13.—Baron Komura, the Japanese plenipotentiary, and his party may be met with hostile demonstration on his arrival in Japan, is the opinion expressed last night by the Rev. H. Kosaki, a prominent Japanese minister who arrived here yesterday to attend the meeting of the American board of Missionaries.

The Rev. Kosaki says, however, that if the class of people who are responsible for the present uprising learn the true conditions of the peace settlement before the arrival of Baron Komura, that he may not be molested.

The Rev. Kosaki also states that it is the intention of his government to take up the work of enlightening the Chinese immediately and that there are present some 8,000 students from the best Chinese families attending educational institutions in Japan, some of them being young women. The minister stated that unless the Japanese receive the indemnity agreed upon as reimbursement for the expenses of taking care of the Russian prisoners that economic depression may result for a year or two. If this money is received within a short time, however, this danger will be averted.

Double Tragedy in Kentucky.

Cincinnati, Sept. 13.—As his wife sat by his bedside Eulass Morgan, a rich farmer living 3 miles from Corbin, Ky., suddenly seized a razor and cut her throat. Almost immediately afterwards Morgan drew the razor across his own throat. Physicians said that it would be impossible for either to recover. The tragedy was witnessed by two infant children of Morgan, who were found sitting in the room, calling upon their parents to speak to them. Morgan had been ill for eight weeks with typhoid fever and great despondency over his slow recovery is the cause of his deed.

STATE OF WAR HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED

Caucasian Provinces of Russia Overrun By Tartars.

MANY ARMENIANS MASSACRED

Tartars Cross Border and Completely Devastate Towns, and Kill the People Regardless of Sex or Age—The Conditions Are Terrible.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 13.—A state of war has been proclaimed in the Caucasian districts of Zangazur and Jeabrial, where Tartars are overrunning the Armenians without regard of sex or age. The country is now swarming with bands of Tartars under the leadership of their chiefs. Many thousand of Tartar horsemen have already crossed the Persian frontier and joined the insurgents in destroying Armenian villages. At the village of Minkend 300 Armenians were slaughtered. Dispatches of mutilated children were thrown to the dogs and that the few survivors were forced to embrace Islamism in order to save their lives.

Naphtha firms are cut off from the delivery of oil fuel to shipping companies, which are now confronted with the necessity of suspending their services and discharging their cargoes which would result in leaving thousands with no means of subsistence.

The salt works of Baskindjars have been obliged to close owing to the scarcity of fuel, and this will paralyze the fishing industry.

Agitation Growing at Batoum.

Batoum, Caucasia, Sept. 13.—There is a growing agitation among the local Mussulmans against the Christians. The authorities have seized the government's documents for safety in the event of an outbreak.

100 Killed or Wounded.

Tiflis, Caucasia, Sept. 13.—A hundred social democrats were killed or wounded today in a conflict with the police at the town hall and many were trampled to death in the subsequent panic.

Two thousand social democrats forced an entrance into the town hall which was closed owing to the celebration of a religious holiday, the preaching of John, the Baptist. Revolutionary speeches were made, and the chief of police ordered the meeting to disperse. Part of those present fled, but the remainder refused, and some revolvers were fired. A large force of Cossacks drawn up outside the building then fired a volley into the crowd and time again killed and wounding upwards of 70.

In the ensuing panic many persons fell and were trampled to death by their comrades and the pursuing Cossacks.

Vessel Wrecked; Four Bodies Found.

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 13.—A Vesper dispatch says that a three-masted vessel has been discovered ashore about 3 miles from Kakatag beach, Alaska. Her name was not visible on a bill for goods was found that was made out to the schooner Prosper. The wrecked vessel is apparently of foreign build, but answers the description of the San Francisco vessel of that name. Four bodies have been washed ashore. One is that of George Pottling, but the others are unknown. The steamer Excelsior brought the bodies to Valdez, and wired to Sitka for assistance of the revenue cutter.

A Dead Man at the Wheel.

Honolulu, Sept. 13.—A dead man held the wheel of the schooner on its trip here from Laisan Island. He was a Japanese member of the crew who died clutching the wheel, the vessel still holding it and the vessel, though greatly damaged by a storm, came which is supposed to have caused his death from over exertion. The port in safety. The schooner was buried was somewhat overdue and the United States boat Iroquois had been sent to look for her.