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AWFUL DISASTER NEAR HAKODATE

MATSU MARU FOUNDERED WITH LIVING FREIGHT

Captain, Majority of Passengers and 43 of Crew Drowned.

Tokio, March 23.—The Matsu Maru, a 900-ton coasting steamer belonging to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, was sunk in collision with the Hideyoshi Maru, 696 tons, at 2.30 o'clock this (Monday) Morning, two miles off Todohokke, near Hakodate.

The captain of the Matsu Maru, a majority of her 224 passengers, and 43 of the crew, perished. The Hideyoshi Maru and another steamer rescued the survivors.

The Lost Vessel.

The Matsu Maru was a wooden twin screw steamer, and was built in 1890, her port of registry being Osaka. Her dimensions were: Length, 127 feet; breadth, 17.6 feet, and depth, 74.6 feet. She was classed on Lloyd's list in 1902.

GAMBLERS' REVENGE.

Newspaper Office in Illinois Wrecked By Dynamite.

Rockland, Ills., March 23.—The Daily News office was dynamited early this morning. The press room was badly damaged. The paper has been attacking the gamblers and advocating local license. No one was injured.

MURDERED HIS SWEETHEART.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—Joseph Paolucci, an Italian, was hanged here to-day for the murder of his sweetheart, Elizabeth V. Dodge, in September, 1906. The Italian ambassador intervened in Paolucci's behalf on the claim that his trial has not been an impartial one, but the president refused to commute the sentence.

MADE DASTARDLY ATTACK ON D. W. STEVENS

Koreans Attempt to Revenge Diplomat's Statement on Their Country.

San Francisco, Cal., March 23.—D. W. Stevens, diplomatic adviser to the Korean council of state, who arrived on Friday from Korea, was attacked and knocked down by a committee of four angry Koreans last night in the lobby of his hotel. Only the prompt arrival of guests and employees of the hotel in response to his loud cries for help saved his life, for the Koreans declared later that they would have killed him. Stevens was severely bruised but not dangerously injured.

The Koreans took offence at an interview by Stevens upon his arrival here in which he said the Korean people have been greatly benefitted by Japanese protection and that they are beginning to look more favorably upon it. He also said that the Korean peasants have welcomed the Japanese, and the official class is beginning to think well of them on the ground that the only hope for Korea is a reorganization of the old institutions on the lines proposed by Japan.

After the assault Stevens went to his room. The hotel lobby was thrown into a state of intense excitement by the affray. Stevens had his injuries attended to and he refused to be seen as he was in no condition to discuss the attack which he believed was murderous in its intents.

Another Attack.

San Francisco, Cal., March 23.—W. D. Stevens, adviser to the Korean council of state, who was attacked by a committee of Koreans in the Fairmount hotel last night, for favoring the course of Japan in Korea, was shot three times by two Koreans at the Union Ferry building this morning. Mr. Stevens drew a pistol and shot one of the Koreans. The extent of Mr. Stevens' injuries is not yet known.

HAS BRIDGED SASKATOON.

Saskatoon, Sask., March 23.—The G. T. P. bridge here has been finished. The main laying of steel will be started towards Edmonton in two weeks' time.

—The following are the best scores made by the boys of the Victoria High School Cadet Corps to-day at the Drill Hall, out of a possible 50: Corp. Shopland 38, Cadet Milloy 37, Sergt. Macnaughton 35, Cadet Watson 35, Bom. Hanna 34, Cadets Rehill 31, Dean 31, Corps. Moore 28, Allen 29, Sergt. Swain 26.

LOVE'S DUAL TRAGEDY.

Man Administered Strychnine to His 17-Year-Old Sweetheart and Then Took Dose Himself.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 23.—Miss Nettie Psalcheck, aged 17 years, a daughter of Mrs. Ida Psalcheck, died early to-day from strychnine administered by her sweetheart, Leo Wolfeinski. The drug was mixed with some ice cream.

When Wolfeinski learned of the death of the girl he immediately took a dose himself, dying an hour later. The crime was probably inspired because the man's parents had objected to a proposed marriage to the young girl.

ROYALTY TO WED.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—The wedding of Prince Wilhelm of Sweden to Grand Duchess Marie Pavilona has been fixed for May 3rd.

Prince Wilhelm is the second son of King Gustav of Sweden. He visited America last summer. The Grand Duchess whom he is to marry is a daughter of Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovitch.

ANNIVERSARY OF GOLD FIND

SUGGESTION MADE TO HOLD PAGEANT

The Event Lends Itself to the Popular Form of Celebration.

To-day marks the fiftieth anniversary of the location of placer claims in the Fraser river. The event is being allowed to pass without any special celebration owing no doubt to the fact that many had overlooked the fact.

It is fitting, however, that something should be done to celebrate the commencement of gold mining in the province during the year.

If the pioneers could be brought together in some way it would be of advantage. The ranks of the early gold seekers are becoming year by year sadly thinned. These men have a vast fund of information relative to the history of the province. It has been suggested that these men should be brought together and from these reminiscenses valuable data relating to British Columbia's history could be compiled.

C. H. Gibbons has suggested that in connection with the Victoria Day celebration this year, the semi-centennial of the discovery of gold on the Fraser might be made an important feature. The suggestion is thrown out that the demonstration might take the form of a pageant which is now so popular in England and throughout Europe. Certainly the subject lends itself in a peculiar way to the successful carrying out of the idea of a pageant. Mr. Gibbons has gathered information on the holding of these pageants which would form the working basis for it and is convinced it can be done at a very moderate cost.

Mr. Gibbons says on this subject: "It does not so much require any immense capitalization to make such a fete successful as it demands an appealing and original conception with picturesque development, attractive and widespread advertising and most of all unanimity of enthusiasm on the part of Victorians themselves. I should suggest in the place of the hackneyed Victoria Day celebration a pageant of the century on this island as a central feature—together with Indian sports, dances and exhibitions of life, customs and manners; such water sports as will provide continuous amusement under the eyes of all; lacrosse bringing together the white exponent of the modern game, and its red Indian inventors—even if the crack team of the Brant reservation had to be brought west for this feature; with other items in a programme that should be notable for its originality. Let us have such an observance of Victoria Day this year as will attest initiative skill and an appreciation of the business possibilities of such a carnival. The old order was good—but even strawberry shortcake may sate the appetite if made an exclusive diet. I offer these suggestions to those who are lovers of Victoria and of progress, and who want to work for both. Any practical aid I may be able to give will, I need scarcely say, be given with more than pleasure."

DIED FULL OF YEARS.

Kamloops, March 21.—The death occurred at his residence, Jacko Creek, on Tuesday night of Robert Nichol, aged 86 years, of heart disease. Deceased had resided on Jacko Creek for about seven years, and leaves two daughters, Mrs. Fred Humphrey, of Jacko Creek, and Mrs. F. Selby, of this city, and one son, D. Nichol, of Long Lake, to mourn his loss.

CHINESE INFLAMED AGAINST JAPAN

GROWING INDIGNATION OVER TATSU SURRENDER

Wholesale Boycott of Goods Made in Mikado's Empire as Protest.

Canton, March 23.—The greatest indignation prevails here against the government for yielding to the Japanese demand in the Tatsu Maru case, it being considered that the action has brought disgrace upon this province.

The Self-Government Society of Canton has organized several monster meetings, at which resolutions were adopted that the anniversary of the release of the Tatsu Maru be observed as a day of public mourning. The resolution also declared a boycott against Japanese goods.

More than 50,000 persons attended the mass meetings held yesterday. Those who attended the meetings were draped in mourning, and twenty or more orators delivered denunciatory speeches. Among the speakers was a 12-year-old boy, whose declaration against the Japanese caused the greatest enthusiasm. A great number among those who had assembled thereupon divested themselves of Japanese garments, including caps and handkerchiefs, and made a huge bonfire of them. One of the dealers in Japanese goods offered to sacrifice his stock. The meeting recommended the impeachment of Yuan Shi Kai, of the board of foreign affairs, for weakness in yielding to the Japanese.

Boycott in Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 23.—The Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru, which went ashore on Sunday arrived here safely to-day.

Tens of thousands of Chinese have started a boycott on Japanese goods, placards were posted throughout Hongkong stating a boycott had been ordered, but they were destroyed by the police.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY OF ASPHYXIATION

Mother Kills Herself and Two Infants by Illuminating Gas.

Fall River, Mass, March 23.—With a crucifix clasped in her hand and a rosary hanging from her arm, Mrs. Florida Terrieh, aged 25 years, and her four-year-old daughter Mary and her two months' old boy Joseph, were found dead in the kitchen of her home to-day by her husband.

The coroner said, after an examination, that the woman had killed herself, and the two children with illuminating gas. Two gas jets and the cocks of the gas stove in the room were truned on.

C. N. APPOINTMENT.

Winnipeg, March 23.—Scott Griffin, superintendent of the Canadian Northern telegraph and express system at Winnipeg, has been removed to Toronto as manager of the system east and west. He is a son-in-law of William Mackenzie.

BANDITS EFFECT BIG HAUL NEAR RAWHIDE

Daring Hold-up Results in Thieves Escaping With $47,000.

Reno, Nev. March 23.—Three bandits, heavily armed, overcame Edward Hoffman and a companion on a road two miles from Rawhide late yesterday, threw them to the ground, and made off with the victim's two-horse rig, taking gold and bank notes amounting to $47,000.

The money was consigned to the Coalition Mining Company at Rawhide.

GOVERNOR GUILD DYING.

Boston, Mass., March 23.—The following bulletin on the condition of Governor Guild was issued by Dr. Winslow at 9.20 a. m. to-day:

"The governor has failed somewhat during the night. His condition is not so good this morning."

JUDGE MABEE'S APPOINTMENT.

(Special to The Times.)

Ottawa, March 23.—Mr. Justice Mabee has been appointed chairman of the railway commission. The order was put through on Saturday.

CONDITIONS IN HAYTI.

President Alexis Says Everything Is Well and He Can Preserve Order.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, March 23.—President Alexis in an interview to-day declared that conditions in the republic were absolutely tranquil. He said that he did not question his ability to preserve order and protect foreign interests. Should the powers, however, decide to keep the warships in this harbor, he would not object, but he added that there was no necessity of such a thing. There was no possibility of a popular outbreak against the foreign residents.

LOBSTER BEDS ON THE COAST

EFFORTS MADE TO AID THAT INDUSTRY

The Dominon Government is Establishing Experimental Areas at Sooke.

Following out its policy of fostering and developing the fishing industry of British Columbia, the Dominion government has arranged to establish experimental lobster beds at Cooper cove, Sooke, with the object of seeing if this species of crustacea will not thrive in the waters of this coast. Between 2,500 and 3,000 lobsters will be shipped from New Brunswick early next month and will, immediately on arrival, be placed in Cooper cove, where a home has already been prepared for them. It is only fair to say that it is due to Hon. William Templeman's efforts that this experiment is being undertaken.

E. G. Taylor, fishery inspector, is in Victoria at the present time awaiting the arrival of the shipment. When seen by a reporter for the Times this morning he said that the object of the experiment was to see if lobsters would not propagate in the waters of British Columbia coast. With this end in view arrangements had been made at Cooper cove for giving every attention possible to the experiment in order that the possibility of developing a large lobster industry on this coast may be fully investigated.

Mr. Cunningham, Dominion inspector of fish culture, will accompany the shipment from Ottawa and will assist in placing the lobsters in their new home. He will also lend any assistance he can in the way of advice, etc., to the local officials who will have permanent charge of the beds.

Some few years ago several shipments of lobsters, the last of which arrived in 1905, were sent to this province from the east and were placed at different points along the coast but no arrangements were made for watching their development. It is not known definitely whether these shipments have proved a failure or a success, but a few weeks ago the Indians living in the vicinity of Nanoose bay reported the catching of lobsters at that place. Their reported find is being investigated. In the present case the experiment is being gone into scientifically and thoroughly and when the experiments are completed it will be pretty well settled whether lobsters will thrive in these waters.

If they will, it is felt, that it would be a great thing for this province as the lobster industry is a most important one on the Atlantic coast. There is an immense market awaiting them if lobsters can be grown on this coast, for large shipments are now received from the east annually not only in this city, but also in all the cities of the Pacific coast. This market is open to British Columbia lobsters, if they can be grown. The difference in freight rates alone, it is felt, would be a great factor in favor of the success of the lobster industry in this province.

The value of the lobster to the maritime province is shown by the fact that in 1906, the last year for which reports are available the catch off the Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward coasts was $3,422,927, and this was a small year. Nova Scotia headed the list in the value of catch, the amount being $1,933,807, while new Brunswick came second with $713,593. Quebec was third with a value of $575,402, while the little province of Prince Edward island was last with a total of $200,125.

In the four provinces there were employed in the industry that year no less than 12,317 men, of whom 3,658 were from Nova Scotia, 5,025 from New Brunswick, 2,211 from Quebec and 1,423 from Prince Edward Island. There were in operation to handle the catch 701 canneries, valued at $496,720, while the total value of plant including canneries, traps, etc., was $1,446,147.

On the eastern coast great pains are being taken to protect and develop the industry and it is hoped that, by similar means, to those employed there for the propagation of this class of crustacea, lobsters can be introduced on this coast and a successful industry established.

SEND CABLE TO JOHN MORLEY

HINDU PROTEST AGAINST DEPORTATION

As British Subjects Orientals Claim Protection Throughout the Empire.

(Special to the Times).

Vancouver, March 23.—Vancouver Hindus, friends of the men whose entrance to British Columbia is being opposed, have threatened the British government that a continued policy of this kind may be disastrous for British rule in India. Two mass meetings of Hindus were held last night in the Sikh temple, when fiery speeches were delivered. The following cable was ordered to be sent to the Right Hon. John Morley, secretary of state for India, protesting against deportation and exclusion from Canada. "As British subjects we claim government protection throughout the empire. If our interests are overlooked our brothers in India must necessarily resent your government's neglect."

The cable was signed by Udayram, a leading Hindu storekeeper of Mill Side, near New Westminster. Hindus to-day in Vancouver declare that the news of the attempted deportation from Canada of Hindus will greatly increase the unrest amongst natives when it is learned in the Orient.

WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

"Apparently" Only American Car is Competing in New York to Paris Auto Contest.

Bakersfield, Cal., March 23.—The American car in the New York to Paris race arrived at this city at 1:40 a. m. to-day from Ballard. The run was 180 miles. The car will leave for San Francisco to-day.

MET DEATH WHEN THROWN FROM CUTTER

Aged Lady Dashed on Ice, Was Instantly Killed—Husband Dying.

Westbourne, Man., March 23.—While driving across the landing bridge near here on Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. W. Morrison, an aged couple, were thrown from their cutter from a bridge railing and dashed on the ice twelve feet below. Mrs. Morrison alighted on her head breaking her neck and dying almost instantly.

Morrison fell on his side striking his head severely on the ice. Several ribs were broken and concussion of the brain set in, from which it is doubtful if he will recover.

Both are old timers here having lived on Portage Plains for the last 37 years. He is 73 years of age and his wife is 72. There are two sons, John, a C. P. R. agent at Enderby, B. C., and William, of Portage la Prairie, and a daughter, Mrs. F. D. Lynch, of Melbourne.

U.S. CRUSADE AGAINST ANARCHISTS

Thousands of Indigent Foreigners Will Be Deported From Pittsburg District.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 23.—An investigation is in progress which will, it is said, result in the deportation of thousands of undesirable foreigners from Pittsburg district within the next few months.

John T. Harper, agent at large for the immigration bureau of the department of commerce and labor, is in Pittsburg now, gathering statistics incidentally to commence deportation. While he could not give an estimate as to the number of foreigners who will be taken out of the Pittsburg district, he said it would run into thousands. The crusade is the carrying out of the recent order of the federal authorities to use deportation as a means of checking the growth of the anarchistic sentiments and the ridding of the country of the burden of taking care of indigent foreigners.

TOLSTOI HAS RECOVERED.

Moscow, March 23.—Reports received here to-day from Yasnaya Palyana say that the health of Count Leo Tolstoi, who has been ill with the influenza for several days has been restored, and that he is again at work and taking daily exercise.

WOUNDED BY REGICIDES.

King Manuel Shot in Portuguese Tragedy May Have His Arm Amputated.

Madrid, March 23.—The El Mundo says that it has learned on good authority that the wound Prince Manuel, now King of Portugal, received in the arm on February 1st, when King Carlos and the Crown Prince were assassinated, has not healed, and recently has become very much worse. The attending physicians, say the paper, declare that amputation is imperative.

CONGRESSMAN'S ASSERTION.

Says Japanese Immigration Problem Can Only Be Settled by Passage of Exclusion Bill.

Paris, March 23rd.—The Temps published a long interview which its foreign editor, Andre Tardieu, had with representative Juluis Kahn, of San Francisco, in which the American congressman declares that the Jap question can be definitely settled only by the passage of a Japanese exclusion bill.

EVERY NATION—SAVE ENGLAND

ENLARGING FIGHTING RESOURCES IN PACIFIC

What United States is Doing in Preparation for Struggle for Mastery.

London, March 4.—Every nation with interests in the Pacific—save England—seems to be doing something to safeguard and protect those interests. England alone rests upon what she has already done. If anything should arouse her, it is the fact that Germany is doing everything that she can do to secure her position and that of the United States, although a friendly power, is straining every nerve to make up for lost time.

The latest news from the States confirms the announcement of some time ago that the house of representatives committee on naval affairs had agreed to recommend the construction of two floating steel-built dry-docks, capable of taking in 12,000 ton battleships; one for the Pacific coast and one for the Atlantic coast, and also the establishment of a naval station, and large graving dock at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu—a place which should have been a British coaling station and naval base had it not been for the almost criminal apathy of the administration of some years ago.

The Philippines, which occupy a central position with regard to British possessions on three continents, are to be put in a most formidable state of defence at an early date. The defences of Manila are to be specially prepared with the view of the first place being the headquarters of the huge naval force which the United States intends to maintain there in the future.

Corregidor Island, which lies near the entrance of the harbor and close to the northern shore, will be the chief defence against seaward attack, and will be provided with six batteries armed with long range ten-inch guns, whilst at the rear and to the south of Corregidor Island other batteries will be constructed upon the islets which abound there, and these will be armed with ten-inch guns and quickfiring guns. A strong line of defence guards Manila against landward attack. The struggle for the mastery for the Pacific has yet to be fought, and the victory will assuredly go, not to the nation with the most brilliant naval traditions, but to the nation best prepared for the battle.

It is but a short time ago since it was the boast of the admiralty that within 24 hours of trouble breaking out anywhere a British cruiser was on the spot to fight, or carry succor to the needy. All that is changed—as witness the never to be forgotten Jamaica incident, the Zanzibar incident and the yet more recent event in Chili, where British subjects were hourly in danger of their lives owing to the abolition of the Pacific squadron, the only British warship being available being the Shearwater, then thousands of miles away.

JAY GOULD VICTORIOUS.

U. S. Champion Defeats Peter Latham in Court Tennis Match.

Tuxedo Park, N. Y., March 23.—Jay Gould, amateur tennis champion of the United States and England, defeated Peter Latham, professional champion of the world, on the court of the Tuxedo Tennis and Racquet Club courts to-day by three sets to one in an exhibition court tennis match.

The victory was a brilliant one for Mr. Gould because of the fact that Latham so easily defeated E. H. Miles, former amateur champion of England, by three straight sets yesterday. Latham was the favorite in to-day's match.

The Somali soldier keeps himself in perfect fighting condition on a diet of nuts. He eats only twenty a day, but they are nuts of a very nourishing kind.

UNVEILING OF ROYAL SCANDAL

ELENA SANZ AFFAIR BEFORE SPANISH COURT

Children of Actress Suing Heirs of Alfonso XII. for Annuity.

Madrid, March 23.—The judges in the Elena Sanz affair were called yesterday to take the evidence of the queen mother. Elena Sanz was a Spanish actress by whom King Alfonso XII. had two natural sons. These children are now suing the heirs of Alfonso XII. for an annuity, which they claim was left to their mother by the King, and which was to revert, after her death, to them.

The queen deposed that a few days after the death of Alfonso XII. that Senor Salmeron came to Senor Abella, who was then master of the household, and told him that Elena Sanz had in her possession certain letters from the late King, the publication of which would cause a great scandal. She would give them up for $15,000, and in addition Salmer n claimed $1,000 for his services in the matter. Trusting to the integrity of Salmeron the queen paid over these two sums, and was assured by him that all the letters in question had been destroyed. The present suit of the Sanz heirs, however, is based entirely upon letters identical with those which the queen paid to have burned. The matter is to come up before the Supreme court, that tribunal having declared itself competent to try the case.

THE "DOOM" OF RACING.

Louisiana Starts Agitation to Abolish Betting on Tracks.

New Orleans, La., March 23.—The papers to-day announced the beginning of a campaign to abolish horse racing in this state. The names of many well known men of this city were printed as signers of a petition now being circulated for presentation to the legislature which meets in May to abolish betting at tracks. The question of the betting feature is admitted to carry with it the existence of racing.

SHOWS FRIENDSHIP OF TWO COUNTRIES

Japanese Press Comments on Visit of U. S. Battleship Fleet.

Tokio, March 23.—The press without exception is enthusiastic over the announcement of the visit of the American fleet, and the government is receiving considerable praise for extending the invitation. The consensus of newspaper opinion is that the prompt acceptance of the invitation shows the friendship of America for Japan while the visit of the fleet will suffice to show the world the impossibility of a breach of the friendship existing between the two countries.

Russian Comment.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—The invitation extended to the American fleet by Japan is applauded as a shrewd move in diplomacy. The Bourse Gazette, speaking of this, says:

"America naturally could not refuse to accept the invitation, yet its acceptance will serve as a public attestation of the peaceful intentions of Japan of which she is especially in need in view of her tottering finances and low credit."

The American torpedo flotilla will sail from Panama this week on its journey north to join the battleship fleet at Magdalena Bay.

U. S. SENATOR DEAD.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—United States Senator Wm. Jas. Bryan of Florida, died at the Providence hospital early to-day from typhoid fever. It was only 73 days since he took his seat as the sucessor of the late Senator R. Mallory, who died on December 23rd, and 33 days of that time was spent in his fight against disease. Several times during Mr. Bryan's illness his friends despaired of his recovery, but last night it was reported that his condition had taken a turn for the better and his death to-day, therefore, came as a surprise and a distinct shock.

He came to Washington early in January from Florida and from the day of his arrivel was far from well. Finally he was compelled to give up work and was taken to the Providence hospital. In Mr. Bryan the senate loses the seventh member by death since the adjournment of the 59th congress in March a year ago.