

DREADNOUGHTS FOR AUSTRIA

PLANS TO BUILD THREE BIG BATTLESHIPS

Policy May Affect Naval Programme of Great Britain.

London, April 8.—The agitation that has pervaded all classes in England over the proposed increase in the German naval programme is growing to-day because of a statement by a high naval official that the determination of Austria to lay down three dreadnoughts will upset the present political equilibrium of Europe.

The Austrian naval activity is looked upon askance by England, who fears that her sea route to India is threatened and her control of the Egyptian situation is jeopardized.

Discussing the situation, a member of the admiralty to-day said: "Germany and Austria hope either to bankrupt England or place this country in a desperate predicament. In the event of war, the Mediterranean is absolutely vital to us.

"We took chances of war during the Moroccan crisis in order to safeguard our imperial possessions in the event of possession in North Africa. At present all our first class ships are withdrawn from the Mediterranean, and the vessels we have there are relatively insignificant. If Austria builds three dreadnoughts for the Mediterranean, we must build six.

May Altar Plans.

"In these circumstances our present plans are utterly inadequate. We must have not only eight dreadnoughts, but perhaps twice as many.

"Moreover, we must have them immediately. The threat against our possession lies not only in the German-Austrian combination, but in the disposition of Russia. We have strong reasons to believe that Russia has not played fair with us.

"We are convinced that M. Tsvolkoff, the Russian foreign minister, has entered into a deal with Germany whereby the latter has agreed to support Russia in opening the Dardanelles. It was pretended that Russia backed out the other day because of the outbreak of war, but we do not now believe that this was so.

Russia's Ambition.

"As I said, we have no doubt Germany and Russia have closed a deal whereby the former intends to support the British Empire in its struggle against the Turkish empire. It is their long cherished ambition to build a fleet in the Black Sea with free access to the Mediterranean. This puts one more power, possibly hostile to England, in the Mediterranean, and compels us to build war ships not only with reference to Germany and Austria, but with reference to Russia as well.

"The Turks have been alienated from us by our inability to give them effective support, and they much prefer to cast in their lot with Germany. The outlook is one of tremendous seriousness for the British Empire. It undoubtedly need all the support we can get from the colonies in the great struggle between the British and German interests which is developing."

GIRL SHOOTS HERSELF IN SEATTLE HOTEL

Suicide Leaves Note to Police That Brother Will Bury Her.

Seattle, Wash., April 8.—The body of Miss Nellie Moore is at the morgue here to-day, where it was brought from a Third avenue hotel late last night. The girl had shot herself through the head and had been dead several hours before found. She lived in the city from Aberdeen, Wash., three days ago. Letters found in the woman's room were addressed to Miss Nellie Moore and Mrs. Nellie Aronson. A note to the police stated that the woman's brother, John Aronson, of Lima, Mont., would bury her.

HAL CHASE SUFFERS FROM SMALLPOX

Lynchburg, Va., April 8.—Manager Admittage of the New York Americans, admitted to-day that Hal Chase, first baseman of the Highlanders, was confined in the smallpox hospital at Augusta, Ga. He said that Chase's indisposition was caused by a mild attack of varioloid, and that he would probably be on the field before the end of the week.

Washington, D. C., April 8.—The health authorities announced to-day that they are preparing to investigate the illness which confines Hal Chase to the smallpox hospital at Augusta, Va. It is determined that the case is smallpox, and that Chase will be quarantined upon its arrival here and will not be permitted to appear on the field Monday to play the opening game of the American league season.

George Francis Shaw, an inventor of numerous mechanical devices, including a new type of locomotive and electric car equipment, died at his home in Durham, Mass., on Wednesday. He was born in Augusta, Maine, in 1836, and was educated in the schools of that city. He came to Boston in 1862.

UNKNOWN MAN KILLED.

Run Down by Northern Pacific Switch Engine at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., April 8.—An unknown man, supposed to be a marine engineer or fireman, was struck by a Northern Pacific switch engine last night and so badly crushed that he died at the city hospital a few hours later. Another man who is thought to have been with the dead man was struck by the engine at the same time, but disappeared. No papers were found on the body of the man taken to the hospital that might serve to establish his identity.

MME. MODJESKA PASSES AWAY

FAMOUS ACTRESS DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Political Trouble Resulted in Her Banishment From Polish Stage.

Santa Ana, Cal., April 8.—After lingering for six days suffering from Bright's disease and heart affection, Mme. Helena Modjeska, the great Polish-American tragedienne, passed away at her country home on Newport Island at 10 o'clock this morning.

With the illustrious actress at her death, were her husband, the Count Chlapowski, and her son, Ralph Modjeska, who have been in almost constant attendance at the sick bed for a fortnight. Dr. J. R. Boyd, Miss Jennie Murty, a trained nurse, and a Polish attendant who has been the countess's companion for 25 years, also were present.

Countess Helena Bozenta Chlapowski, known and loved to two continents as Modjeska, was born in Helena Benda, near Cracow, the ancient capital of Poland, October 12, 1844. Her parents were poor and she had a hard struggle with poverty even after her marriage with Gustave Modzejewski in 1860.

It was by a contraction of the name of her first husband that her familiar name "Modjeska" was given. In 1887 she gave up her career as an amateur theatrical performer by a stage manager from the Polish capital and her first professional appearance, followed shortly afterwards in Bochnia, Poland.

After six years of study and hard work she won a hearing at the Imperial theatre in Warsaw, the capital. From that time until she left the stage for good her success was sure. Modzejewski had died three years before the triumph of his wife and in 1888 the actress married Count Charles Bozenta Chlapowski. The triumph of Modjeska continued and she became known as a great interpreter of the best in drama.

Then came trouble through politics. Modjeska was barred from the Polish stage by Imperial Ukase from the Russian Czar and the actress with her husband, her son, Ralph Modjeska, now a civil engineer in Chicago, Stenka and others of her friends, came to Chicago in 1893.

Here she began to study English, mastering the language in one year, and in 1897 she made her debut on the American stage as Adrienne Le Couvreur with John McCullough. In the third act of the play she had made her position assured. The house was mad with delight. Then followed a starring tour and a year of immense success at the Court theatre in London. After that she returned to America and since then when off the stage she made California her home. Several visits were made to Europe, where she won success in all the capitals, except in Russia.

Perhaps the height of her career as an actress was reached when she starred the United States in 1899-00 with Edwin Booth as Booth & Modjeska.

Two years ago she bought her home at Bay Island, near Newport, where she lived with her husband, Count Bozenta, until her death.

INDIANA'S PASSENGERS AT SAN FRANCISCO

There Was No Disorder When Pacific Mail Liner Struck Rocks.

San Francisco, April 8.—The forty-eight passengers of the ill-fated Pacific mail liner Indiana, which struck a reef Point Tassoo, lower California, last Saturday, have arrived in this port aboard the United States cruiser California, to which ship they were transferred from the cruiser Albany at Magdalena Bay after the Indiana struck.

According to the Indiana's passengers, there was no disorder of any kind attending the grounding of the liner or the transfer of the passengers to the war vessels.

On the trip northward aboard the California, everything was done to promote the comfort of the shipwrecked passengers, and officers of the California gave up their quarters to their impromptu guests. Concerts by the California's band and other entertainments were provided to while away the hours for the Indiana's passengers.

The largest sponge ever found came from the Mediterranean. It was over three feet across and ten feet in circumference.

DEATH ROLL MAY BE VERY HEAVY

REPORTS OF CASUALTIES IN EASTERN STORM

Barge With Five Persons on Board Swept From Its Moorings.

Detroit, Mich., April 8.—As the result of the storm that raged over the state of Michigan yesterday and nearly all of last night, eight persons are known to have perished, and the list may be increased by later returns from affected territory.

Three men, trying to cross the Detroit river in a rowboat, were drowned, and at Jennings, Mich., three men were killed when a brick building was blown down and the walls fell upon them. Much damage was done to shipping.

Barge Swept Out Into Lake.

Sandusky, Ohio, April 8.—No news has been received to-day of the barge Norman Kelley, with four men and a woman aboard, which has been drifting helplessly before a terrific gale in Lake Erie since yesterday morning.

The barge broke away from its dock. It was carried rapidly away and an attempt by a tug to effect the rescue of the crew of the barge was fruitless. The passengers are without provisions and are at the mercy of the waves.

Man Carried Hundred Feet.

Chicago, April 8.—The damage inflicted by the severe gale that prevailed in this city and vicinity yesterday and last night is being repaired to-day. Several persons received minor injuries.

By far the most freakish whim of the storm was to give a perilous ride to Samuel Holland, an elevated railroad conductor. Holland was seated on the runaway of a box car on the Metropolitan elevated line when the roof was lifted up by the gale. It maintained a horizontal position, and Holland went whirling away. He was carried over a ledge of the building and landed in a pool of water.

Friends among the train crew insisted that the conductor must be internally injured and took him to a doctor, but the physician confirmed the statement of Holland that he was not hurt.

PHYSICIAN DISAPPEARS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Wife Believes He Has Been The Victim of Foul Play.

San Francisco, Cal., April 8.—No clue to the whereabouts of Dr. J. H. Dowling, the young New York physician, who disappeared from the Hotel Stratford Tuesday night, has been found, and his wife to-day is of the opinion that he has been the victim of foul play.

According to a statement of Mrs. Dowling her husband left the hotel on Tuesday night after bidding her good night, telling her that he was going for a walk. He had in his pocket \$2,000, which was to defray the expenses of the couple's western trip. This she thinks furnished the motive for a crime. The assistance of the police has been enlisted. The Dowling left New York in November and have been making a leisurely tour of the west.

Mrs. Dowling is at the Stratford, and is almost penniless since the disappearance of her husband.

WEALTHY YOUNG ENGLISHMAN MISSING

Has Not Been Seen Since He Boarded Train at Chicago.

Chicago, April 8.—New York and Chicago friends of Harold N. Bagot, a wealthy young Englishman, have instituted a private search for the young man of whom trace was lost in Chicago February 1st last.

Mr. Bagot, a resident of Windsor, England, was making his first visit to America. He carried a letter of credit on Brown Bros., of New York and London, for \$15,000. This letter has not been drawn upon.

Mr. Bagot came to Chicago from New York, and on February 1st, boarded a train for St. Louis. Since then there has been no word of his whereabouts.

ELECTRICIAN MISSING.

Tacoma, Wash., April 8.—Daniel Buck, a Seattle electrician, aged 40 years, is missing, and has undoubtedly been drowned in Puget Sound. In an inlet known as the Narrows, west of Tacoma, the Tacoma police were notified this morning to search for him, but there is slight hope of finding him alive, as he disappeared while crossing the narrows in a row boat during a severe wind storm which raged throughout the Sound country on Monday afternoon.

Buck had been to his ranch, which is located on Fox Island, and was attempting to return from the island to Higgins Beach, where he had rented the boat, when he disappeared. Where the electrician attempted to cross, the inlet is about three miles wide.

OPERATORS ARE REOPENING MINES

(Special to the Times)

Winnipeg, April 8.—There is no change in the coal strike situation. The men still are awaiting a board meeting called for Saturday, and are standing by Sherman. The operators also have signed the union scale, pending on a number of strikes owing to the increase in orders.

SETTLER FOUND DEAD IN RUINS OF SHACK

Authorities Are Inquiring Into the Death of C. J. Morris.

Vancouver, B. C., April 8.—A special report from Milestone, Sask., says: Suspicious circumstances have developed in connection with the death of Charles J. Morris, a settler from Missouri, who was found fatally burned in the ruins of his shack in Long Creek district, twenty miles from here, and an inquest is being held to-day.

The body was found by neighbors Wednesday morning, and it was supposed at the time he had been overcome by the fire the previous night.

PROPOSE EXTENSION OF WAGE AGREEMENT

Coal Operators Refuse Men's Demand and Submit New Proposition.

Philadelphia, April 8.—At a meeting held here yesterday between committees representing coal operators and the officials of the United Mine Workers of America, representing the anthracite workers, the operators refused the men's demands and submitted instead a proposition to extend the wage agreement brought about by the anthracite strike in 1907. The proposition is for a three-year term, in order that the proposition might be laid before the officers of the "Mine Workers" organization of the anthracite district, who are now in this city, the conference adjourned to meet again this afternoon.

Besides the president, G. F. Baer, of the Reading company, there were present for the operators, J. C. Coker, independent operator; Thos. Fowler, president of the New York, Ontario & Western; W. H. Truesdale, president of the Lackawanna; E. B. Thomas, president of the Lehigh and George P. Barker. The miners were represented by President Lewis, of the United Mine Workers of America, Jno. F. Jerry and Miles Dougherty, of the national board.

The wage agreement which the operators seek to have renewed expired on March 31st.

It is said that if the conference comes to an end without an agreement being reached, the miners will not declare a strike, but will leave it to the operators, if they see fit, to declare a lockout.

RAILWAY IS NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGES

Man Who Rode on Engine Cannot Recover for Injuries.

Olympia, Wash., April 8.—The Supreme court has affirmed the King county superior court in the decision that John K. Fisher cannot recover from the Columbia and Puget Sound railroad for injuries sustained in a train wreck. Fisher rode in the locomotive upon the invitation of the engineer, and when the brakes later failed to work he jumped from the swiftly running train at the engineer's suggestion and was seriously hurt.

Both courts held that Fisher had no business on the engine, and the invitation of the engineer did not bind the company.

MOTOR CARS FOR OREGON RAILWAYS

Several of Harriman's Branch Lines to Have New Service.

Dayton, Wash., April 8.—The official announcement is made here to-day that a gasoline motor car service will shortly be inaugurated on the Oregon Railway and Navigation lines between Dayton and Pendleton. The statement is based on a bulletin to that effect received from the general traffic department of the Harriman lines at Omaha.

According to the information here, 300 motor cars of 200 horse power each, have been ordered by the company for delivery later than July 1st. Several branch lines throughout the Northwest are to be equipped with the new service. Wallula and Starbuck are to be the terminals of another run, which may include Pomeroy. The passenger trains will consist of a motor car and one or two trailers, according to the traffic.

FRANCE WILL DEPORT CASTRO

NOT ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN MARTINIQUE

Ex-President of Venezuela an Exile From Western Hemisphere.

Paris, April 8.—The government to-day received an official report from the governor of Martinique stating that former President Castro of Venezuela was there and the foreign office immediately cabled a decree that he be expelled from the island, pursuant to an agreement reached today between Great Britain, the United States and France.

It is rumored here that Castro has succeeded in chartering a steamship at an American port and that he will make his way there, get into communication with sympathizers in Venezuela and eventually start a revolution with the purpose of overthrowing President Gomez.

It is generally believed here that Castro will devise some means of reaching Venezuela despite agreements of the powers to prevent his landing at any of the ports for which he set out.

The fierce little man lost his power when he left Caracas last fall for Europe to undergo an operation and the government was taken over by Gomez, who was advanced from the vice-presidency to the office of chief executive. He expostulated and displayed great anger at Fort de France yesterday, when he had to leave the French line steamship, as the officials of the company refused to take him further.

It was represented to France that it would be dangerous for Castro to be permitted to reside in any location near Venezuela and that his residence on Martinique was likely to involve France in international difficulties.

Castro is believed to be enormously wealthy and it is said that his money is deposited in European capitals. This fact has led to the suggestion that he may set out on an expedition of his own and set out secretly for Venezuela after his return to Europe. This, however, is hardly likely in view of his failing health. He is known to be weak from the effects of illness.

Mrs. Castro proceeded yesterday from Fort de France to Venezuela to attend to their private affairs.

WOMAN ATTACKED BY BLOODHOUND

Sustains Serious Injuries Before Savage Brute is Driven Away.

Tacoma, Wash., April 8.—Curious to know whether a bloodhound is as vicious as it is reputed to be, several boys at the Big Harbor unprovoked and unleashed a bloodhound belonging to J. A. Mitchell. The dog raced through the streets, and meeting Mrs. Philip Brantley, she was upon and severely bit her in several places. Before the savage brute could be driven away, the woman had been seriously mangled that it was necessary to remove her to a hospital here. It is thought she will recover.

The injured woman's husband, has sworn out a warrant for the arrest of Mitchell, charging him with keeping a vicious dog. The hound was brought from Kentucky, where it was in service at the penitentiary of that state.

ST. YVES TO RUN SHRUBB 15 MILES

Buffalo, N. Y., April 8.—Hemt St. Yves, the French distance runner, who won the recent Marathon in New York, has accepted an offer by a club here for a match race with Alfred Shrubb, the Englishman, at the Buffalo ball park on May 1st. Shrubb is said to have already signed the articles. A purse of \$5,000 has been hung up for a 15-mile match.

MANY GERMAN SAILING VESSELS ARE IDLE

Hamburg, April 8.—The present depression in the ocean carrying trade of the world has hit German sailing vessels with especial severity. A census of the vessels now lying idle here shows 130,000 registered tons in sailing ships, which is almost 37 per cent. of Germany's sailing fleet.

The high winds are blamed for a \$25,000 fire which destroyed the repair shops of the Second avenue elevated railway. New York. A large sign which hung at the east end of the shop was blown down, and in falling dislodged several electric wires, one of which dropped into a barrel of oil. Instantly there was an explosion which blew a section of the roof off the building, and a moment later the end of the structure was in flames.

FOUR KILLED IN FIGHT.

Monte Leone, Calabria, April 8.—In a conflict yesterday between the people of this town and the local carabinieri, four men were killed and many others were wounded.

The shooting was the outgrowth of the attempts by the government authorities to collect new taxes, which are exceedingly unpopular. The people, as a protest had invaded the city hall. The carabinieri were summoned and a riot ensued, during which the soldiers fired on the people.

BANDITS RAID GAMBLING HOUSE

PLAYERS ROBBED AT POINT OF REVOLVERS

Band Succeeds in Escaping After Having Secured Over \$2,500.

Ogden, Utah, April 8.—Five unmasked desperadoes held up 25 men in the White Elephant gambling house at 1 o'clock this morning in the most approved "wild west" fashion, and after obtaining over \$2,500 from the tables and pockets of the victims, backed out and made their escape.

The play was heavy last night and toward 1 o'clock there was a great amount of cash displayed on the tables. The players and the interest was intense. No one noticed the robbers as they entered and before their purpose was suspected they had taken their positions about the room in such a way as to give them every advantage. The first warning came with the sudden command "All hands up, quick."

Rifled Pockets of Players.

The players and the dealers scarcely moved from the attitude in which the order found them. Their eyes took in the situation, however, and the muskies of ten big revolvers provided all the necessary information. One of the five men put his pistol in his pocket and produced a big sack. While the other eight revolvers held the crowd motionless, the fifth man moved quickly about the tables and scooped all the money in sight into the sack. Then he ordered half a dozen of the most prosperous looking players to stand while with the accuracy of an expert, he rifled their pockets, throwing whatever he took into the sack with the other loot. Having accomplished the robbery, he stepped back to the four men on guard, drew his revolvers to reinforce the battery, and all five backed slowly from the room.

Escape on Horses.

At the doorway the four waited a minute or two, while the fifth man rushed out with the bag of loot, prepared the horses for quick action, and at a signal all five desperadoes disappeared in the darkness. The men all wore slouch hats pulled down over their eyes, but they did not make much effort to conceal their faces and it is probable that they could be identified if captured.

As soon as the 25 victims recovered their senses they rushed out and formed a posse for the purpose of pursuing the robbers, but there was practically no chance of following them with any success.

It was one of the most successful robberies of the kind ever committed in Utah. Not a single shot was fired and there was not the least disturbance. The man who collected the money did not utter a word. When he wished a man to stand quietly to be searched he gave the order with a gesture.

RALLY IN INTEREST OF NAVAL DEFENCE

Navy League Will Hold Public Meeting Next Week.

In view of the agitation now prevailing throughout the whole British Empire for concerted action with respect to the defence of the Empire, the local branch of the Navy League is planning for a monster rally of the citizens next week. The exact date has not yet been arranged, nor has the meeting place been fixed, but it will probably be in the Victoria theatre.

At the gathering some stirring addresses may be expected from prominent members of the league, including Capt. Clive Phillipps-Wolley. The special subject will be that of naval defence.

Patriotic songs will be given as well as the addresses.

RAILWAY ISSUES NEW STOCK.

Louisville, Ky., April 8.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Pacific was held yesterday, directors were elected, and the stockholders voted to authorize an issue of \$100,000,000 worth of stock. One hundred thousand shares of \$100 par value. The additional stock issued yesterday may be had by stockholders of the company in exchange for their bonds at \$130 a share.

News has been received of the striking at a depth of some 1,350 feet, in the Yenangping field, China, of which it now shows the enormous flow of 100,000 gallons daily. The deepest boring hitherto put down in this province has been about 1,200 feet, where the principal oil-bearing strata have been tapped.

UNIVERSITY GOES TO SASKATOON

SELECTED AS SITE BY SASKATCHEWAN BOARD

Great Rejoicing Among the Citizens When Decision is Announced.

Regina, April 8.—The board of governors decided last night to locate the Saskatchewan university at Saskatoon. There was great rejoicing in Saskatoon when word reached there at midnight. Bonfires were lighted on the street, church and other city, bells were rung and whistles blew.

The selection means the permanency of Saskatoon as the northern centre of the province.

TESTIMONY WEAKENS PROSECUTION'S CASE

Mother of Mrs. Sampson Gives Evidence in Murder Trial.

Lyons, N. Y., April 8.—Testimony given yesterday by Mrs. Frank Allyn, mother of George Sampson, on trial for the alleged murder of her husband at Palmyra on November 19th, 1908, is believed to have shaken the framework on which rests the state's case. Mrs. Allyn testified that the letter which caused the disagreement between Mrs. Sampson and her husband and which is alleged by the state to have furnished a possible motive for the crime was signed by Robert Manson. It requested Mrs. Sampson to go to Niagara Falls. It also asked that she take with her Mildred Servoss, a distant relative of the Allyn family.

Further testimony revealed that Manson had displayed an attachment for Miss Servoss and that he had visited her at her home in her company on various occasions. Mrs. Allyn also conveyed the impression that her daughter had often chaperoned the couple on various trips and excursions.

Upon leaving the stand the aged mother feebly made her way to her daughter's side and kissed her.

AIDS STARVING POOR.

London, April 7.—A Vancouver miner sending \$100 to the Lord Mayor to help the starving poor who tramp the Thames embankment asks: "Are there any Christians in England now?"

STRIKE OF STUDENTS OVER.

Oxford, Eng., April 8.—The strike of students at Ruskin college, begun ten days ago on account of the dismissal of Dennis Eldred, principal of the institution, ended yesterday. The students decided to acquiesce in Eldred's dismissal.

OAK BAY MAY HAVE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Subject is to Be Discussed at Public Meeting.

Oak Bay will probably have a booster club at the meeting of the municipal council last night. Councillor Newton brought up the subject and asked permission to take part of the time of the meeting to be called on the 19th in order to make a proposal to the ratepayers and residents of the municipality. His proposal will be that a branch of the Vancouver Island Development League be formed at Oak Bay for the particular purpose of advertising that district.

In asking for the required permission Councillor Newton said he thought that now that as everyone was talking publicity it would be a good opportunity for Oak Bay to bring the publicity work to a head in the district.

Councillor Noble expressed the opinion that as many of the contributors to the Victoria league were residents of Oak Bay it was not fair to ask them to also contribute to the local league. He understood that the Victoria branch would undertake the work of advertising the whole of this district, and did not think it necessary on that account to organize locally.

Councillor Newton, speaking again on the subject, said that much money would not be required. The formation of the branch in the municipality would give the members a chance to boost Oak Bay, and place before the public its advantages as a residential district. He thought there were a good many people living in the district who would be glad of the opportunity to collect photographs, write articles and use every possible means to advertise the place.

Councillor Noble again objected that it would be a bad precedent to grant the bill for this purpose, as they had decided not to give it free for the purpose of amusement. This objection did not find favor, and the required permission was granted.

The development discussion will come up after the water question has been fully discussed on the evening of the 19th.

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