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GAS EXPLODES AND KILLS EIGHT

Besides Doing A Lot Of Damage Is A Misouri Town—The Wreckage Caught Fire And Spread.

NATCHEZ, Miss., March 15—(Special) Eight persons were killed, one was severely injured, and property valued at many thousands of dollars was wrecked today by an explosion of gas in the basement of a five story building occupied by the Natchez Drug Co., near the business quarter. The dead are: Cleve Laubatt, Mrs. Ketteringham, Miss Luella Booth, Lizalie Worthly, Carry Murray, Inez Wetterville and Ada White. Tomorrow the work of removing the bodies buried under the great piles of brick and debris will begin. Owing to the intense heat the work is impossible tonight.

CONFLAGRATION AT BAHIA, BRAZIL

Raging In The Business Section Of The City-- Firemen Unable To Check It-- The Loss Will Be Heavy

BAHIA, Brazil, March 15—(Special) A great conflagration is raging in the business section of this city, and the firemen seem to be unable to check it. Already thirty-three buildings have been consumed with loss estimated at one million dollars. There have been several fatalities. Bahia is the principal commercial city of Brazil after Rio Janeiro. It is situated about eight miles sugar, cotton, tobacco, coffee, cocoa, rum and hides. It is situated about eighty miles northeast of Rio Janeiro, and has a population somewhat in excess of two hundred thousand.

BIG TIMBER IS FIRE STRUCK

Three Hundred Families Homeless And Fire Does A lot Of Damage--- Water Supply Exhausted

BUTTE, Mont., March 15—(Special) Fire today destroyed three fourths of Big Timber Mount, making three hundred families homeless and causing four hundred thousand dollars damages. The fire raged for several hours during a gale, and a special train with fire apparatus was hurried from Livingston about thirty miles west of Big Timber. The fire started in the stock yards of the Northern Pacific Co and from there spread to a dwelling on the outskirts of the town. One time the town was burning at three different places. Water supply became exhausted, handicapping the fire fighters.

JAPAN'S NAVY NEARLY DOUBLED

Figures Show That There Has Been A Great Gain Since The War—Financiers Are Hesitating About Law

TOKIO, March 14—Some reliable figures are now on hand showing the present strength of the Japanese navy as compared with its strength when the war broke out. The totals may be briefly stated, viz: One hundred and fifty-seven vessels of all descriptions, representing a tonnage of 283,742 tons before the war and 204 vessels and 515,082 tons at the present day. Further scrutiny of the figures shows that Japan today possesses more than twice the number of battleships she had before the war, a third as many armored cruisers, three more other cruisers and nearly three times as many destroyers, but three fewer torpedo boats. Her naval losses during the war totalled 19 vessels and 46,616 tons. On the other hand, she captured 21 vessels, representing 135,540 tons. Thus the net gain, without further building on Japan's part, it seems to be two in number and 88,924 in tonnage, the discrepancy between these divisions being due to the fact that Japan's chief gains were in battleships and cruisers. Critics of the expansion program are naturally asking why, in the face of these figures which indicate an advance of full 90 per cent including new construction, the government should persist in making appropriations for the army and navy more than 36 per cent of the total national expenditure for the next fiscal year. Leading financiers and business men do not hesitate to point out that, so long as the above disparity is maintained, the country must expect to invite foreign distrust while forthcoming attempts to negotiate a new loan are likely to encounter no small opposition and even if successful, will prove so only at the cost of a sacrifice of prestige in the shape of some form of hypothecation.

FIGHT IN THE FRENCH CHAMBER

One of the Deputies Knocks Another Down and Boxes His Ears

PARIS, March 8—An exchange of angry words, followed by a violent assault in the lobby of the Chamber of Deputies to-day, is likely to lead to a duel between ex-Minister Bertheux and M. Wendel, chief of M. Clemenceau's cabinet at the Ministry of the Interior. After the warm Moroccan debate in the Chamber on Feb. 24, two government officials cordially shook hands in the lobby with Emil Constant, who during the debate had an angry wrangle with Premier Clemenceau. Their action was regarded as a reflection on M. Clemenceau, and it was said, although it is now denied, that they were cashed for it. The incident caused much ill feeling, because the two officials are supposed to be supporters of ex-Premier Combes, and the deputies have taken sides in the matter. Deputy Astier, upon meeting M. Mendel in the lobby to-day, accused him of tale-bearing against officials. M. Mendel denied the accusation. Others were drawn into the dispute, and W. Bertheux accused M. Mendel of amazing impertinence, and threatened to box his ears. W. Mendel, white with rage, replied: "You are a blackguard," whereupon M. Bertheux rushed at him, knocked him down, and boxed his ears. Some deputies separated them. M. Mendel left the lobby and resigned his position, so as to be free to follow his impulses. He has sent seconds to M. Bertheux with a challenge.

STR SILVIA FOR HALIFAX

From New York With Freight And Passengers Ashore Near Cutty Hunk

WOODS HOLE, Mar. 15—(Special) The British steamer Silvia, which left New York yesterday with passengers and freight for Halifax, N. S., and St. John's Nfld, is ashore on the Sow and Pigs Reef off Cutty Hunk. Her compartments are full of water. No details of her grounding are available. The Silvia ran on the ledge yesterday morning during a thick fog. Before striking she picked up two shipwrecked crews, but whether they were from schooners or barges could not be learned. A life saving crew from the Cutty Hunk station went out to the Silvia as soon as she was discovered on the ledge, and up to ten o'clock a. m. had not returned.

BONAPARTE WAS PINCHED BY PANIC

United States Attorney-General Obligated To Sell Seven Of His Farms

WASHINGTON, March 14—The seven Maryland farms which Attorney-General Bonaparte said several weeks ago would be disposed of at private sale, still remain in his possession and he has advertised them for sale at public auction. It became known several weeks ago that Mr. Bonaparte had felt the pinch of hard times and that he appreciated the necessity of converting a part of his extensive rural estate holdings into ready cash in order to tide himself over some financial difficulties.

SIX KISSES NOW HIS LIMIT

Deserting Husband Says He Is Tired of the Love-Dovey Business

CHICAGO, Ill., Mar. 14—Six kisses a day are the limit for Ora M. Leedom. He promised Detectives Stank and Johnson who arrested him for deserting his affectionate wife that he would stay with her on that basis. They found him in Springfield, Ill., where he went several weeks ago. "It's a case of too much Love-Dovey" business said Leedom on the way back from Springfield. "My wife—she was married once or twice before—is a good woman and a fine housekeeper, but she's too strong on the love business to suit me. "Now, I'm not a chilly guy or anything like that, but I don't want a woman kissing me all the time. When I come home from work in the evening I like to sit down and read the paper. My wife would want me to hold hands with her and say foolish things. "A few days before I jumped out of town, some actress made a hit with a kiss that lasted 45 seconds. When my wife read about that in the paper, she said she could beat it with one hand tied behind her back. The only fault I had to find with Annie was her loving nature."

ARMORED CRUISERS FOR THE PACIFIC

Three Cruisers Now At Bermuda Will Go At Once To Pacific

VICTORIA, March 14.—Word has been received here from London that the armored cruisers Bayard, th Hague and the Creedy of the Fourth Cruiser Squadron, now at Bermuda, will proceed at the end of the month to the Pacific coast. This confirms the report of a couple of months ago to the same effect, which also stated that these would be reinforced by four others.

ARE ABLE TO SEE SMOKELESS

WASHINGTON, March 14—German military authorities are experimenting with a device by which the location of troops using smokeless powder may be easily discovered. By this device it is proposed to survey the landscape through pale red glasses. The flash of smokeless powder appears strong in red light, while ordinary objects are dimmed. By furnishing field glasses with the device in question, which is provided with screens of the proper tint, the position of concealed marksmen can be detected.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, March 15—(Special)—Strong southwesterly and westerly winds, cloudy and mild today, with showers, cooler at night.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Table with market prices for Chicago: Chicago, March 14—(Special)—CORN 65 1/2, WHEAT 65 1/2, PORK 62 1/2, MAY CORN 60 1/2.

Condensed Advertisements

Too late for Classification. HORSE SHOEING, all kinds while you wait at J. A. Henderson's Boston St. WANTED—At once an experienced saleswoman. Apply to Moore & McLeod. 3-16431. WANTED—By first of April girl for general housework. Reference required. Apply Mrs. James Eden, 10 West Street. 3-16414. POST—\$10.00 bill. Finder leave at this office and get reward. 3-16441.

KING ALFONSO IN BARCELONA

MADRID, March 10—King Alfonso left for Barcelona this evening. He will spend two days; there, it being decided at the last moment, that he should leave Barcelona on Wednesday afternoon, instead of on Thursday morning. Some members of the Spanish Ministry were opposed to his going while others were of the opinion that the dangers of the visit had been greatly exaggerated. The King himself was not to be dissuaded, expressing the belief that this evidence of his determination and courage will be appreciated by his subjects and that the visit to Barcelona would be of great political advantage. Queen Victoria remained in Madrid, but all the members of the Royal Family, accompanied the King to the railway station. Large crowds assembled in the streets through which he passed, and cheered him enthusiastically.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.

PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Bleed, or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50 cts.

LONDON, March 14—In the House of Commons Mr. MacNeill gave notice that he would ask the government whether, in view of the fact that the spreading of false news for the purpose of making discord, or concerning high state officials was punishable as a misdemeanor, it had considered the advisability of prosecuting the "Times" for its publication of the Kaiser-Tweedmouth letters.

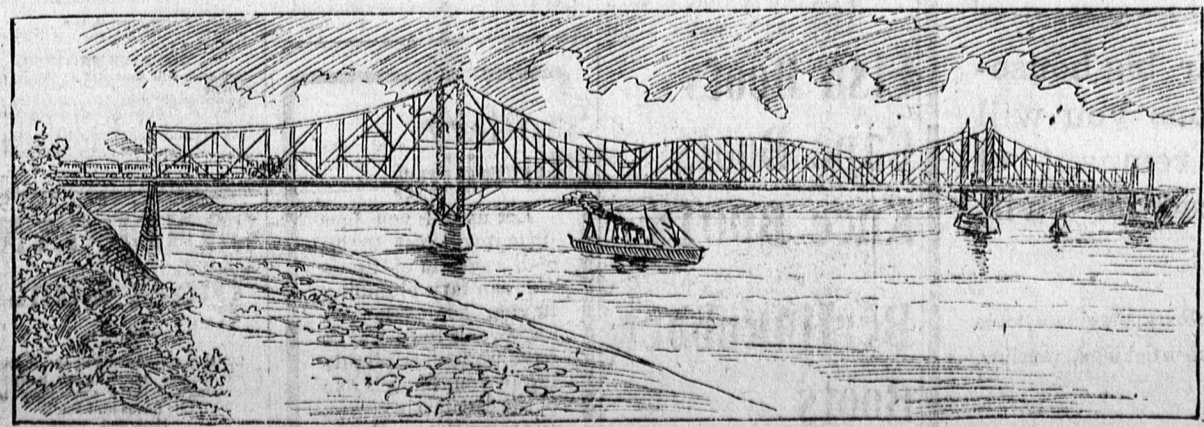
MUSICAL VAUDEVILLE

At Wonderland. The Musical Macs, Musicians Of Rare Ability, And With Gorgeous Stagesettings, Appear At Wonderland Tonight

The Musical Macs! The name carries with it the assurance of a treat to music lovers. They are without exception the cleverest musicians playing in vaudeville today. They carry grandly the most magnificent stage settings, and musical instruments of every description. Over two thousand dollars worth of accessories go with the Musical Macs, and their surroundings are of themselves worth going to see, without taking into consideration the music which is so rare and uncommon. Every instrument so receives attention at the hands of the Musical Macs! Banjos, violins, bells, etc., each producing under their clever manipulation sweet harmonies that awaken as if from a soul which lay sleeping, suddenly rousing to the powers within, and answering to the touch of the master hand, which alone can rouse it to life and love and beauty. The Musical Macs are musical wonders, and the lady possesses a voice of wondrous power, clear, strong and withal sweet and appealing to all listeners. They are going to be the treat of the musical season at Wonderland and it is sure to call out every lover of music to hear these clever people. Tonight Viola Wentworth also is at Wonderland, and Viola's contributions to a program are ever pleasing and appreciated. The list of numbers at Wonderland tonight is certainly a revelation when pleasure, rare entertainment and enjoyment are features to be considered, and the people should turn out en masse to see and hear these clever artists, who make the divine art so much a part of their lives, and charm all listeners to the music which springs from their capable touch. Illustrated song, and orchestral music remember too, is part of the program as well, and the motion pictures are fittingly chosen to complete a program of unparalleled excellence. It's Wonderland for every one tonight, and the treat of the season as well.

BOMB FOR ALFONSO.

MADRID, March 14—A bomb was exploded in Barcelona under the landing stage where King Alfonso was expected to embark to visit the Austrian squadron, but no harm was done except to the drain in which the bomb was hidden.



The Much Debated Quebec Bridge As It Was Planned

Advertisers are again reminded that their "changes" must be received at this office not later than one o'clock sharp and their business locals no later than three o'clock of each week day, exclusive of statutory holidays, to insure insertion in next issue. All received later than the above hours will also appear when they do not interfere with the setting in type of the regular news of the day.

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