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BIRRELL RESIDENCE, ONE OF MANY SIMILARLY SITUATED.

FLOODED HOMES IN SALT LAKE.

Startling Condition of Affairs in The Western Part of The City.

FOUR BLOCKS UNDER WATER.

All Means of Ordinary Access and Travel Made Impossible by Existing Conditions.

VERY BAD FOR CITY'S HEALTH.

Receding Waters Are Becoming Frightfully Noxious and the Spread of Disease is Threatened.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—(Noon.)—With bowed heads but with unshaken hearts the Russians met the dreadful calamity of yesterday. Sorrow for the loss but undiminished confidence in ultimate victory is the note struck by this morning's papers. An editorial in the Russ says that the Russian people are sure of ultimate victory.

"Let us," it reads, "remain calm. It is a black day but we have been struck by blind fate, not by the enemy."

The people sat up all last night awaiting further details of the catastrophe and the news of Rear Admiral Prince Oukomsky's encounter with the Japanese fleet, and this morning hurried out in a raging snowstorm to scan the bulletin boards, but nothing further had come. The Associated Press is authoritatively informed that the dispatches given out last night were in the text as originally received and represented the sum total of the emperor's advice. The emperor himself directed that every word should be published. The meagerness of the telegrams is attributed to the death of Vice Admiral Makarov. Not until 10 o'clock this morning had fresh news reached the Winter palace and then in the form of a voluminous cipher telegram which was immediately sent to the admiralty to be deciphered. This may take a long time and it is doubtful whether the contents will be given out before late in the afternoon.

In the opinion of the emperor's advisers the Petropavlovsk disaster occurred yesterday morning about 7 o'clock. It is presumed that Vice Admiral Makarov had sailed out from Port Arthur on the previous day to locate the enemy, giving pursuit until the Japanese reinforcements appeared, and then putting back for the shelter of the guns of Port Arthur. This explains the second sentence in Rear Admiral Oukomsky's telegram, "Our squadron was under Golden Hill."

Private advice it is learned that Grand Duke Boris was standing on Golden Hill watching his brother's ship when the catastrophe occurred. Not a single paper here has a special telegram from Port Arthur this morning.

The Associated Press is informed that chairman Doubasoff, of the technical board of the admiralty, is more likely to succeed Vice Admiral Makarov than Rear Admiral Rojestvensky. Doubasoff is one of the heroes of the Russo-Turkish war, and with Makarov helped to blow up the Turkish fleet at the Black sea.

It transpires that the first person to hear of Makarov's death was his widow, who received a private telegram. She was on her way to St. Petersburg to see the admiral's brother, an officer of the guards, when the emperor's aide de camp reached her residence at Peterhof with the message from his majesty, breaking the news and condoling with her. The admiral's brother returned with her to Peterhof. She was so prostrated with grief that she took to her bed. It is reported that those who went to see the widow that they found the whole town talking of nothing else but the loss of their beloved Stepan Oukomsky, the patronymic of Makarov. The admiral's house was dark and silent, the eyes of the orderly at the door were red with weeping.

The late Vice Admiral Makarov leaves in addition to a daughter, Lillie, who is 15 years of age and is known as the belle of Cronstadt, an 11-year-old son, to whom he frequently wrote and telegraphed. His last message was dated April 13, and conveyed his Easter greetings. The deceased admiral added that he was passing Easter evening on board a gunboat stationed at the mouth of the harbor.

CONDOLENCES FROM FRANCE.

Paris, April 14, 1:25 p. m.—President Loubet today telegraphed to Emperor Nicholas his profound condolences on the disaster of the Petropavlovsk and the death of Vice Admiral Makarov. This dispatch, together with those of Emperor William and the king of Italy, today is regarded here as significant evidence of the acceptance of the European governments that the sinking of the Petropavlovsk was due to an accident and not to the result of a battle with the Japanese ships. The officials here might involve questions of neutrality whereas condolences over an accident do not involve neutrality.

Prior to the sending of M. Loubet's telegram, the French embassy at St. Petersburg had received an official assurance that the accident was due to which had become loosened from its moorings during the recent storm.

Some special dispatches received here assert that the Japanese torpedoed the Russian version of the sinking of the battleship.

Foreign Minister Delcasse called at the Russian embassy yesterday and personally expressed his deep sympathy. Although without specific advice, the official here says Vice Admiral Makarov's successor probably will be Vice

Admiral Skrydloff, the commander of the Black Sea fleet, or Rear Admiral Rojestvensky, in command of the Baltic squadron. The former shared Makarov's reputation for energy and fighting ability and recently visited the emperor, who hesitated between Makarov and Skrydloff. However, the latter's correspondent at St. Petersburg says Admiral Rojestvensky probably will succeed Admiral Makarov.

ADMIRAL STARK'S VIEW.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—(4:56 p. m.)—Vice Admiral Stark, formerly in command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, in an interview today, is quoted as saying:

"In my opinion the Petropavlovsk struck one of the contact mines laid off Cape Lian Shan but which had been torn from its moorings by the terrible storms prevailing last week, and which drifted under the stress of the south gales into the roadstead. It could not have been a mine laid near the entrance of the harbor, because the latter are not contact mines, but are fired by electric wires from the shore."

In naval circles are those who believe the explosion was internal and not external. The word used in the official dispatch literally means "upset" which is equivalent to turned turtle. In support of the theory of an internal explosion, it is declared that the bodies of the victims were fearfully burned, some reports saying that Vice Admiral Makarov was blown to pieces.

The loss of life involved in the tragedy is more serious than supposed, it being learned that Makarov's whole naval staff was on board the Petropavlovsk.

Among the stories current, but from what source it comes is not known, is one to the effect that Makarov was sitting in his stateroom with Rear Admiral Molais, his chief of staff, when the ship was blown up.

Alarming reports prevail regarding Grand Duke Cyril's condition. It is said that he is in a high fever, aggravated by shock, which is feared may bring about a crisis. The members of his family are greatly disturbed. The young grand duke is exceedingly popular and is heir to the throne after Grand Duke Michael, the emperor's brother, it being generally understood that Grand Duke Vladimir, Cyril's father, (Continued on page two.)

CASE AGAINST MAYOR GLASMAN

Matter Came Up Before Judge Hart in District Court at Ogden Today.

DEMURRER TO THE COMPLAINT.

Lindsay Rogers Contends That the Mayor is Not Responsible for the Conditions Complained Of.

(Special to the "News.")

Ogden, Utah, April 14.—This morning in the district court Judge Hart took up the case of J. J. Shepherd vs. William Glasman, mayor of Ogden, in which plaintiff asks for the removal of defendant from office, charging him with dereliction of duty in that since Jan. 1, 1904, the mayor has permitted gambling and kindred evils to be carried on under the payment of a monthly fee, much to the annoyance of law-abiding and peace-loving citizens.

The mayor was represented by Atty. L. R. Rogers of Salt Lake and City Attorney Bagley of Ogden, while Mr. Shepherd was present in person, having been released from jail to attend the hearing, and was represented by Atty. M. D. Lessinger. A number of lawyers and prominent citizens were also present.

Mr. Rogers offered a number of objections to the allegations contained in the complaint and argued that there was no cause of action from the fact that the mayor was not directly responsible for the conditions complained of. He stated that Mr. Shepherd should have consulted with the chief of police in this connection and that through him steps could have been taken to abate the alleged nuisance.

He contended that the mayor was not expected to play the part of an informer or a spy, but that such matters were regulated by the police authorities.

Atty. Lessinger related the contents of the attorney for Mr. Glasman and was arguing the case when court took a recess till this afternoon.

Mrs. Botkin Appears in Court.

San Francisco, April 14.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin appeared today in Police Judge Conlan's court for her preliminary examination on the charge of poisoning Mrs. Joshua Deane of Dover, Del. She was represented by Attorney R. Clarke, a friend of her former counsel, Judge Morgan occupied the bench with Judge Conlan. The taking of the testimony of the belated witnesses was at once begun, Mrs. Lizzie L. Kemp,

How the Russian Battleship Was Sunk.

Japanese Torpedo Boats Made a Demonstration Before Port Arthur, at Same Time Laying Mines Across the Outer Entrance—The Petropavlovsk Struck One and Was Destroyed—Japs Also Sunk a Torpedo boat Destroyer.

Tokio, April 14.—(5 p. m.)—A brief report from Admiral Uriu, of Wednesday's fighting off Port Arthur reached the navy department this afternoon. It says Vice Admiral Togo's fleet attacked Port Arthur in the morning and succeeded in sinking a battleship of the Petropavlovsk class and one torpedo boat destroyer. The Japanese sustained no losses. One Japanese was wounded. A detailed report of the engagement is expected hourly.

Washington, April 14.—The Japanese minister today received a dispatch from his government embodying an official report from Admiral Uriu regarding the engagement off Port Arthur yesterday as follows:

"According to the report of the torpedo boat destroyer flotilla No. 3 our fleet approached Port Arthur on the 13th of April and sank one battleship of the enemy of the Petropavlovsk type and one torpedo boat destroyer. No damage to our fleet. No report yet from Admiral Togo."

Chefoo, April 14.—(11 a. m.)—It has been learned from Japanese sources here that the attack on the Russian Port Arthur fleet of yesterday morning was planned and put into effect in the following manner:

At daylight the Japanese torpedo boats made a demonstration before the port, and at the same time laid mines across the outer entrance to the harbor. They then retired and joined the main squadron. The squadron then advanced and as it drew near, the Russian ships were seen coming out. The battleship Petropavlovsk struck one of the mines laid by the Japanese torpedo boats and was destroyed.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—Rear Admiral Oukomsky wires from Port Arthur today that the Bezstrachni, one of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers sent out during the night to reconnoiter, became separated from the rest of the fleet, owing to the bad weather prevailing, was surrounded by Japanese torpedo boat destroyers and was sunk in the fight. Five men were saved.

Admiral Oukomsky adds: "I have taken command provisionally of the fleet since the disaster to the Petropavlovsk. During some maneuvering of the battleship squadron the Pobieda struck against a mine amidships on the starboard side. She was able to regain port by herself. No one on board of her was killed or wounded."

San Juan Officers After "Dutch Charley."

Will Cost the State Five Hundred Dollars to Comply with Laws Requirements—To be Resentenced to Death on Tuesday Next at Monticello—Plea is Made for a State Executioner.

Sheriff Arthur Wood and ex-Sheriff C. L. Christensen of San Juan county are in Salt Lake today for the purpose of taking Charles Botha, convicted murderer, better known as "Dutch Charley," back to Monticello where he will be resented to death on Tuesday next by Judge Johnson.

"Dutch Charley" has for the best part of the past two years been an inmate at the state prison. It will be remembered that he murdered his wife and Rancher Tibbets, and that the affair was a particularly atrocious one.

His trial and conviction, too, are matters of more or less recent public knowledge as are the legal proceedings that have made a re-sentence necessary. Commenting on the latter feature which makes it imperative that he be taken back to San Juan county Mr. Christensen said today:

"It is a mistake, an expensive mistake that makes it necessary. The local courts should have the power to act in cases of this kind. Not having the power the next Legislature should give it to them. The lack of authority in this case will cost \$500. Then, we should have a state executioner instead of making the sheriff of each county do the business as is now the case. It may be all right for the central counties, but it is all wrong for the remote ones. It is altogether too expensive as I have stated. Think of it. Hundreds of miles of travel, the chance there is for escape; all the expense—\$200—what—20 minutes of re-sentence procedure. Why it is all nonsense. I wish the lawmakers would think about it."

The prisoner is ugly and moody and it is said has inclinations in the direction of suicide. Ex-Sheriff Christensen knows him better, perhaps, than any other person, hence his selection, to assist Sheriff Wood in taking the doomed man to Monticello. The officers leave with their charge tonight and are expected to return on Tuesday night next.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT TO THE MISSOURI.

Washington, April 14.—Upon his arrival at the navy department today Secy. Moody gave orders that arrangements be made for the transportation of all bodies of the officers and men killed on the battleship Missouri yesterday. If it is found there is no fund available for this purpose, a request will be made on Congress for a special appropriation.

It is said at the navy department that Rear Admiral French E. Chadwick, commander-in-chief of the South Atlantic squadron, who has been made president of the court of inquiry, which will investigate the disaster, probably will convene the court today.

Honor Quesada, the Cuban minister, called at the state department today

to offer the sympathy of President Palma to the Washington government for the Missouri catastrophe.

The following cablegram was received today by the secretary of the navy from the British admiralty:

"The board of admiralty desire to express their sympathy and condolence on the occasion of the gun accident on board the Missouri and their great regret over the loss of life of officers and men."

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT UNCERTAIN.

Pensacola, Fla., April 14.—Two ordinary seamen, who were injured in the terrible explosion on board the battleship Missouri at target practice yesterday, are dead, one died about midnight and the other today after terrible suffering. There is also one man of the turret crew missing from the ship. It is the general opinion that he was either blown overboard or else escaped from the turret and jumped overboard, being crazed with pain and with the excitement that then prevailed on the ship.

Expert turret officers of the vessels in port say that the explosion was the result of a blow back, known as the wind blowing the flames back from the muzzle of the gun, and through the open breech, thus igniting the powder charge being hoisted. Capt Cowles and Lieut. Hammer, the ordnance officer,

had taken extra precautions against such an accident, realizing that such could occur, and for three days no firing with the large pieces was done on account of the wind being off shore. Finally yesterday morning it shifted and it was deemed safe to commence the firing. Lieut. Hammer had remained in the turret watching the firing until the first string of shots had been fired in rapid succession. He thought from his observations that it was safe to allow the continuation of a rapid firing and left the turret to consult with the target expert on board on this matter. Only three shots of the second string had been fired when the explosion occurred. So rapidly was the gun being fired that it is thought some of the fire remained in the barrel, and that when powder was hoisted it ignited. Officers of the vessel differ in their opinions as to the cause of the explosion, but it is probable that the exact cause will never be known as there were no survivors among the turret crew.

The board of inquiry which was convened yesterday evening is still in session and will not come to a finding for several days.

Impressive ceremonies were conducted over the graves of the 26 seamen this afternoon at the National cemetery at the Missouri moved down the harbor this morning, to a point near the yard and at noon the 26 bodies were brought ashore. The funeral procession moved to the cemetery, where hundreds of officers and blue jackets were present, and the remains were interred. The bodies of the five dead officers are being held here awaiting advice as to the burial or shipment home.

IS GERMANY REALLY NEUTRAL?

London, April 14.—Lord Selborne, first lord of the admiralty, sent a representative to the United States embassy today to express sympathy on behalf of the admiralty with the United States government on account of the accident on board the battleship Missouri yesterday.

Capt. Prince Louis of Battenberg, in his capacity as director of naval intelligence, also telegraphed to the United States naval attaché, Capt. Charles H. Stockton, as follows:

"We are deeply distressed and grieved at the terrible accident on board the Missouri and the loss of so many gallant brother seamen."

Herr Bebel in the Reichstag Declares Her Neutrality Was Not Above Suspicion.

Berlin, April 14.—In the reichstag today Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader, declared the Socialists did not object to Chancellor von Bülow's declaration of neutrality and the localization of the war in the far east, but Germany's neutrality was not above doubt. He referred to the Hamburg-American Steamship company's sale of the steamer Fuerst Bismarck to the Russian company and asked whether the foreign office permitted the sale, as he assumed was the case, since the directors of the company were cautious men, who would not conjure up a conflict with the German government. The steamer was an auxiliary cruiser of the German navy at the time of the outbreak of the war, hence her sale was all the more astonishing.

Herr Bebel added that it was also asserted that the German steamer Kaiser Friedrich had been sold to Russia. Such sales, however, can only accomplish indirectly the reinforcement of the Russian navy.

"We," said Herr Bebel, "must energetically protest against such a procedure. The world is filled with tinder material. One spark can set the world ablaze. I therefore ask the chancelor what he thinks of these sales and the resulting damage to Japan and the advantage to Russia?"

NO DECISION YET.

On Petition of Harriman and Pierce to Intervene.

St. Paul, April 14.—Contrary to the expectations which prevail at the time the United States circuit court adjourned yesterday afternoon, the court today did not convene in open session and no decision was announced on the motion of Messrs. Harriman and Pierce for leave to intervene in the final settlement of the Northern Securities case. The decision will come in the due course of the court's business.

There are six or eight houses, the homes of laboring people, completely surrounded by water, and a week ago, before the waters began to recede there were twice that number of "frame islands" in one block. The people were helpless in the matter. It required hip boots to wade to and from their doorways and in some instances, it is no exaggeration to say that boats could have been used to advantage. A few days ago it would have been possible, even for a steam launch to cruise around the home of Joseph Birrell, which is at 345 Post street. His place was completely deluged 16 days ago and the flood was rising every day until he feared it would be necessary to completely abandon the house. In making his way to the Rio Grande shops every morning he used big gum boots. Any other member of the family who desired to step out of the lot merely put on the oldest, most useless, clothing to be found, and struck out to wade the distance.

HOMES OF POOR MEN.

The streets, as can be imagined, are in terrible condition. To traverse them with horse and wagon has become impossible. Drowning is imminent. One wagon, driven into the bog by a delivery man unconscious of the danger, was stuck in the hole all day and part of the night, the box being completely submerged and the horses, with little more than their heads above water.

WATER TO THE DOORSTEPS.

At the home of Joe Richmond on Post street, the water comes to the edge of the doorstep, being about three feet deep between the door and the gate. It was worse a few days ago. On Ninth West street, a half-block from Richmond's, lives Joseph Geunetter, and near him John Senger, a helper in the Rio Grande shops. Both places are in the same frightful condition. They explain that this same spring thaw and its awful results are an annual occurrence but this year have been especially severe, owing to the great increase in precipitation.

MISNACE TO HEALTH.

As a menace to health, conditions in this neighborhood have never been equalled. All the cellars in the submerged neighborhood have been flooded and the stagnant water in the cellars, the natural breeding place of disease. And as though that were not sufficient in itself, the great stagnant pool, covering nearly a block, is covered by a thick scum and has a rank, offensive odor. This is a terrible condition, and it is a fact that residents have been dumping manure and rubbish of all kinds into the bog. An excavation for a new building was the most convenient receptacle for such stuff and the odor makes the spot shockingly repulsive. It is right alongside homes, too, Lars B. Ograin, a carpenter living next door, being one who realizes the danger keenly.

PROMPT ACTION NEEDED.

The attention of the "News" was first drawn to the flooded section by a paper carrier. It is not known that anybody has informed the board of health. But there is no question as to the extremely unhealthy condition of Post street and surroundings. Never in history were conditions so propitious for an epidemic as this. It will be unavoidable unless the bog is cleared at once.

ON THE MISSOURI.

Apprehension Felt for the Safety of Wallace Whitteotton of Provo. (Special to the "News.")

Provo, April 14.—When the news of the disaster on the Missouri reached Provo there was some apprehension for the safety of Wallace Whitteotton, son of J. W. N. Whitteotton, who is one of the attaches of the great battleship. Inasmuch, however, as his name does not appear on the list of casualties it is now hoped that he is among the number not injured.

Fat Green, a cowboy about 20 years of age, while traveling from Colorado to Idaho over the Rio Grande Western, had the heel of his left foot caught between the buffers of two freight cars at Soldier Summit, and badly crushed. He was brought to Provo, where County Physician Westwood is attending him.

BOY BURGLARS.

Youngsters Again Accused of Breaking Into a Candy Stand.

A small candy stand owned by a man named Patterson, and located at 525 west Second South street, was broken into last night, presumably by a gang of boys, and a quantity of cigars and tobacco stolen. The matter was reported to the police, and they are investigating the case.