

The Middlesex hospital, in London, has a plant producing three tons of ice in 24 hours, at a cost of \$2 a ton, against \$5.46 a ton when purchased.

The German naval authorities have decided to build a second entrance to the Kaiser Wilhelm canal, connecting the Baltic with the North sea.

An English master mariner named Death has had his name changed. He said, in explanation, that he was now acting as first officer, but expected soon to have command of a ship.

We pay but slight attention to the loss of a ship these days unless many lives are sacrificed. Therefore it is surprising to know that in the heavy storms of last April 113 vessels were destroyed, of which 77 were propelled by sails and 36 by steam.

President Loubet, of France, has intimated that he will not seek a reelection, but will retire at the end of his term next year. His reasons are said to be that the president of France is too much of a figurehead, and that a second term might easily degenerate into a life tenure, which would be dangerous to the republic.

Alaska may have its drawbacks as to winter climate, but every baseball-loving boy would certainly like to live there in summer. With daylight every minute of the 24 hours and the most popular time for playing the national game from 8 o'clock in the evening to midnight, and nothing in the way of work to prevent, everybody is free to go to the ball game.

The artificial eyebrow is the latest aid to beauty of the "applied" order. Such eyebrows, sometimes made singly, cost from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per pair, according to the grade of the work of construction, the work being always necessarily of fine order.

One of the familiar tests by which a chemist recognizes the presence of arsenic is the odor of garlic given off when one of its compounds is heated in the blowpipe flame.

Between walls rising almost perpendicularly sometimes 500 feet above them, ships will sail through the Culebra section of the Panama canal.

Public interest has recently been excited by a remarkable dinner party given in London, at which 24 people sat down and which cost \$3,000.

To the average man who racks his brain to make domestic ends meet on \$2 of \$3 a week there is some thing startling in the light recently thrown on the life and habits of Mr. Samuel Dunlap, of England, the octogenarian millionaire, who died a few weeks ago.

Of all strange occupations followed by men in the picturesque west, remote from railroads and other evidences of civilization, that of professional wolf hunter, or "wolver," is most unique.

After Russia, Germany is the richest country in children. For every 10,000 inhabitants there are 363 living births a year, as against only 226 in France.

FAMOUS BATTLESHIP LOST

EXPLOSION DESTROYS THE MIKASA, TOGO'S FLAGSHIP.

Loss of Life Is Very Heavy—Fortunately the Admiral Was Not on Board the Vessel.

Tokio, Sept. 13.—The navy department Tuesday made the announcement that the battleship Mikasa had been destroyed by fire and the explosion of her magazine, causing the loss of 599 lives, including men of other ships who went to the rescue.

These figures, which total 599, indicate that at least 343 men were rescued from the battleship, wounded, but still alive; that five of the dead had been recovered, and that 251 are missing.

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

The energies of the officers and men were directed to preventing the flames from reaching the big forward magazine, it being believed that the magazine aft was in less danger of being reached by the flames.

The Mikasa was the flagship of the Japanese navy, flying the flag of Vice Admiral Togo, the commander-in-chief. She was present at all the principal engagements during the war, and was on several occasions reported seriously damaged in action.

In the battle of the Sea of Japan the Mikasa was the heaviest vessel of all the Japanese ships, having 63 killed and wounded. She approached nearer to the Russians than any other battleship.

The Mikasa was also the flagship of Admiral Togo after the great naval battle fought off Port Arthur on August 10, 1904, on which occasion the Japanese flagship also suffered the most, but continued in the fighting line. On that occasion the Mikasa had four officers and 29 men killed, six officers and 29 men severely wounded, and four officers and 29 men slightly wounded.

POWDER PLANT BLOWN UP.

Terrible Disaster at Fairchance, Pa.—Nineteen Persons Known to Be Dead.

Fairchance, Pa., Sept. 11.—All ten buildings of the Rand powder plant were torn to atoms and probably 25 men were killed, scores were injured, many seriously, thousands of lives were imperiled, and dozens of houses were overturned by a series of terrific explosions Saturday morning, which shook the country for 30 miles around.

Small pieces of bodies were picked up all over the place. These were not collected together, and many sections of human beings were thrown back into the debris where they were found. Almost a half mile mountainward from the plant an office oversleeve, wet with blood, was picked up. One little boy carried to his mother a single part of a man's hand.

Chicago Alderman Dead. Chicago, Sept. 12.—Alderman James C. Patterson, of the Twentieth ward, died Monday at his residence, 43 Campbell park, after an illness of two weeks of congestion of the liver.

Veteran Editor Dies. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 14.—Lambert Naegle, for 12 years editor of the Montana Staats Zeitung, published at Helena, founder of the Minneapolis Freie Presse, veteran of the civil war and survivor of the New Ulm (Minn.) Sioux massacre, died here, aged 73 years.

Hanged. Canyon City, Col., Sept. 14.—Joseph Johnson was hanged in the penitentiary here Wednesday night for the murder at Trinidad last April of John H. Fox, former treasurer of Las Animas county.

Miss Roosevelt in Peking. Peking, Sept. 13.—Maj. Gen. Corbin, Rear Admiral Train, Miss Alice Roosevelt and the other members of their party arrived here Tuesday evening. Miss Roosevelt is the guest of Minister Rockhill and family.

Steamer Sunk; 38 Drown. Berlin, Sept. 13.—Two German freight steamers, the Jacinto and the Pretoria, bound from Hamburg for Mediterranean ports, have foundered in the North sea. Their crews, numbering 38 men, were drowned.

"L" CAR FALLS TO STREET

Awful Disaster in New York City in Which Twelve Lives Are Lost.

New York, Sept. 12.—Twelve persons were killed and more than 20 injured when the second car of a Ninth avenue elevated train jumped the track and fell from the structure to the street at the junction of the Sixth and Ninth avenue lines at Fifty-third street and Ninth avenue Monday.

The first car swung around to right angle curve, holding to the rails because of the weight of the train behind. Then the strain became too great. The couplings broke, the second car was whirled about almost end for end.

Suddenly the outer guard rail of the railroad structure gave way, a score of bodies were hurled through space, and with a deafening crash the car fell to the street.

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The wreckage of the car itself jumped partly off the elevated structure and was wedged against a building at the southeast corner of Ninth avenue and Fifty-third street.

EARTHQUAKE KILLS MANY.

Cities and Towns in Province of Calabria, Italy, Destroyed—Loss Over 400.

Rome, Sept. 9.—All Italy is suffering from terrible depression because of the news from the south, where one of the worst earthquakes ever experienced occurred Friday. Although the earthquake was felt all over Calabria and to a certain extent in Sicily, the worst news comes from Pizzo and Monteleone and from 25 villages which are said to have been completely destroyed.

The protocol was signed by M. Witte, Baron Rosen, Baron Komura and M. Takahira.

MOB VIOLENCE ENDS.

Population of Tokio Alayed by Government Announcement—Legation Guards Withdrawn.

Tokio, Sept. 11.—Mob violence has subsided and popular indignation has been considerably allayed by an announcement by the government that the report that Cape Soya, on La Perouse straits, could not be fortified by Japan is unfounded.

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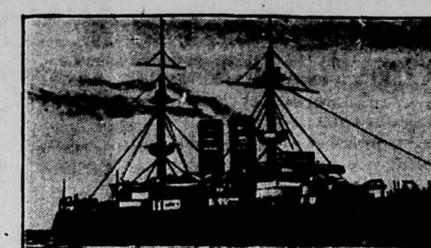
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JAPANESE BATTLESHIP MIKASA.



Togo's Flagship, Which Caught Fire and Sank in the Bay of Tokio, with Loss of 256 Lives.

THE ARMISTICE.

Text of Terms on Which a Cessation of Hostilities May Be Arranged.

Mukden, Manchuria, Sept. 14.—Gen. Fukushima, representing Field Marshal Oyama, and Gen. Ovanovski, representing Gen. Linevitch, met at Shabot station, north of Chantutu at ten o'clock Wednesday morning.

London, Sept. 14.—The Japanese legation Wednesday evening gave out the text of the Russo-Japanese armistice protocol as follows:

- 1. A certain distance as a zone of demarcation shall be fixed between the fronts of the armies of the two powers in Manchuria, as well as in the region of Tumen river, Korea.
2. The naval force of one of the belligerents shall not bombard territory belonging to or occupied by the other.
3. Maritime captures will not be suspended by the armistice.
4. During the term of the armistice new reinforcements shall not be dispatched to the theater of war.

At the village of Minkend 300 Armenians were slaughtered. Dispatches say that mutilated children were thrown to the dogs and that the few survivors were forced to embrace Islamism in order to save their lives.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 13.—The latest advices from Baku say that firing continues in the outskirts of the "black town" quarter, and that the rioters are committing acts of incendiarism and plunder at Balakhan. Many factories in the Volga provinces have already been closed, owing to lack of fuel.

Tiflis, Caucasus, Sept. 12.—Many social democrats were killed or wounded Tuesday in a conflict with Cossacks at the town hall and many were trampled to death in a subsequent panic.

STRANGLER IS A SUICIDE.

Expriates an Old Murderer for Which an Innocent Man Was Hanged.

Minot, N. D., Sept. 14.—Around his neck a shred of green yelling with which he had strangled a girl to death more than 30 years ago, for the killing of whom an innocent man was hanged, Charles Herzog was found lifeless Wednesday in the wilderness, after leaving a written confession of the murder and a story to the effect that the ghost of Lizzie Grombacher, his victim, haunted him unceasingly from the moment he allowed Charles Sterling to be taken to the gallows as her murderer.

Herzog chose the same kind of death that the law meted out to Sterling. He hanged himself to the limb of a tree. Before he fastened the fatal noose he tucked under the knot the shred of yelling that connected him with the old murder. He also planned a note written on a piece of wrapping paper to his breast to reveal his identity in case his body was found.

This note, his dying message to a world he thought never might read it, is as follows: "My name is Charles Herzog. Over 30 years ago I assaulted and murdered a young girl named Lizzie E. Grombacher, near Youngstown, O. Charles Sterling, an innocent man, was tried, convicted and hanged for the murder of this girl. If my body is ever found, notify my mother, Catherine Herzog, at Girard, O."

A Fatal Fall. Columbia, S. C., Sept. 13.—While writing his name with a piece of chalk upon the dome of the state capitol, Warren Scruggs, Jr., the 15-year-old son of Warren Scruggs, of this city, fell from the inside dome to the marble floor, 60 feet below, being instantly killed.

Three Drowned. Newbury, Mich., Sept. 14.—A party of seven women and children, who started out to pick blueberries, were tipped out of a small boat while crossing the bay near Grand Marais, Alger county, and two women and one little girl were drowned.

Took Poison. St. Louis, Sept. 14.—Grief-stricken because of the death of her uncle, James Smith, with whom she had made her home since childhood, Miss Georgia Taylor, 35 years old, committed suicide with carbolic acid in his death chamber. The uncle, aged 60, had died a few hours previously.

A Costly Fire. Anadarko, Okla., Sept. 14.—Fire that started from the explosion of a lamp at Clement, near here, destroyed the entire east side of the main business street. Loss, \$60,000.

Chief Justice Dead. Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 13.—Judge T. J. Simmons, chief justice of the supreme court of Georgia, died Tuesday at his home in this city. Death was the result of a complication of troubles from which Judge Simmons had been suffering for several weeks. He was about 65 years of age.

Killed by Lightning. Ladysmith, Wis., Sept. 13.—During a severe electrical storm Fred Erdman was instantly killed. The house he was in was struck, and a boy was injured and partly paralyzed.

FIGHTING IN THE CAUCASUS.

Thousands of Lives Taken—Great Industries Paralyzed—Loss Put at \$90,000,000.

London, Sept. 11.—Fierce fighting still continues at Baku, the very southernmost point of Russian land in Europe. Tartar and Armenian and soldier of the czar are in hourly conflict. More than 5,000 lives have been lost in the battles. The loss in property and business is estimated at \$90,000,000. Incendiary fires have devastated a region miles in extent, and crowded with costly industrial plants.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 13.—A holy war has been proclaimed in the Caucasian districts of Zangezur and Jibrail, where Tartars are massacring the Armenians without distinction of sex or age.

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BARON KOMURA ILL.

Japanese Envoy Suffering from Typhoid Fever at a New York Hotel.

New York, Sept. 14.—Three physicians who are attending Baron Komura, the chief of the Japanese peace envoys, decided Wednesday that the baron has typhoid fever. His intended return trip to Japan via Seattle Thursday was postponed and nurses were hastily summoned to his apartments in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel Wednesday.

Baron Komura is a slight, frail man and the ravages of this disease, in his case, are greatly feared. It is announced most of his suite will start for Japan as originally planned.

Juggled Its Statements. New York, Sept. 13.—Selling \$800,000 in bonds one day and buying them back the next but one, a holiday intervening, in order to keep within state limitations made in the New York Life insurance company's report to the superintendent of insurance, was the sensational disclosure made Tuesday at the session of the legislative insurance investigating committee.

Death of a Veteran. Washington, Sept. 13.—Gen. Lawrence Pike Graham, U. S. A., retired, died Tuesday night at Providence hospital. He was an officer in the celebrated Second dragoons, and served in the Seminole wars in Florida, in the Mexican war and in the civil. His death was the result of an injury to his hip received last July in a fall at Warm Springs, Va.

Tanner Made Commander. Denver, Col., Sept. 9.—Corporal James Tanner was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic by the national encampment Friday. A great demonstration followed the announcement of Corporal Tanner's election.

Komura Ill. New York, Sept. 13.—Dr. Francis Delafield has been called from his summer home in Hot Springs, Va., to treat Baron Komura, the Japanese peace plenipotentiary, who has been ill in his hotel for several days.

Pupil Kills His Teacher. Athens, Tenn., Sept. 13.—Prof. Albert Watchenberger was cut to death Tuesday by Ernest Powers, a pupil in his school. Watchenberger had attempted to chastise the boy.

Five Seriously Hurt. Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 12.—The east-bound "So" express ran into the Imperial limited on the Canadian Pacific railroad at Hammond, 23 miles east of here Monday. Five persons were seriously injured and several others received cuts and bruises.

Over a Hundred Injured. Salamanca, Spain, Sept. 12.—It is estimated that 120 persons were injured, some seriously, during a panic at a cattle show here Monday, when frightened animals ran into crowds of spectators.

NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

Shooting Affair.

McKinney.—This place was the scene of a shooting affair in which Oscar Lindblom was shot in the left arm and the member broken by the bullet from a revolver in the hands of Joe Richardson, a young man of unbalanced mind, who has always had a mania for life among the cowboys and to flourish a gun.

Peckham.—The present season has been productive of the greatest variety of grain cutting contrivances of any on record. People are cutting grain with everything from the primitive scythe to the self binder driven by gasoline power.

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FLICKERTAIL NUGGETS.

Dickinson.—A bike thief was captured here.

Lisbon.—The papers boast of the fine cement sidewalks.

Dickinson.—Some deep wells are being sunk at this place.

Bowbells.—The population around here is increasing rapidly.

Lansford.—A barn fire almost started a serious conflagration here.

Fargo.—Thrashing is in progress in the southern part of the state.

Knox.—Tolley has just secured a railroad—and has two newspapers.

Minot.—A number of additional rural routes will be established here.

Minot.—This place has voted in favor of the issue of \$14,000 school bonds.

Bottineau.—Partridge hunting is said to be good in the Turtle mountains.

Osborne.—Efforts are being made to establish a local telephone exchange here.

Churches Ferry.—Our dealers are said to have sold 135,000 pounds of twine this year.

Jamestown.—At Spiritwood Lake a skunk suicided by getting its head in a salmon can.

Bottineau.—The farmers are interesting themselves in a mutual hail insurance company.

Antler.—A man who attempted to establish a joint here was glad to get out of town.

Williston.—The fire apparatus has arrived and has been duly paraded through the streets.

Towner.—There are complaints over the way the street crossings are blocked by freight trains.

Savoy.—The business men have succeeded in getting a good road established south of that town.

Casselton.—Lisbon has a tannery and the citizens are wearing clothes pins on their nasal organs.

Fargo.—There is an effort being made on the part of the breeders to have more hogs raised in the state.

Minot.—There has been an effort to reopen some of the gambling houses that were closed by the police.

Edgeley.—Mrs. H. W. French was badly scalded while prying off the top of a can filled with boiling water.

Wilton.—A couple of small boys quarreled while playing, and chopped each other up a good deal with hatchets.

Minot.—The city has granted a franchise for a central heating plant which will use steam from the local power plant.

Grand Forks.—The people are petitioning the city council to dig up \$1,000 annually for the maintenance of a brass band.

Wahpeton.—The cement stone plant is compelled to shut down to allow the laborers to "go thrashing" for higher wages.

Devis Lake.—Bert Ohmstead, a farmer, sold two townites on his farm, one to the Farmers' road and another to the Soo.

Jamestown.—Auditor Blewett has issued nine hunting licenses so far, about half of the number issued at this time last year.

Minot.—The football training of Banker-Attorney Burdick stood steady the other day when he captured an escaping blind pigger.

Fargo.—Farmers are warmly urged to organize on the grain proposition and wear some of the diamonds now worn by the grain dealers.

Fairmont.—The first load of wheat sold here was an excellent yield, but the presence of smut in the grain knocked the grade a point.

Dickinson.—A lot of native horses from the ranges in the western part of the state have been sold to the valley farmers this summer.

Fargo.—Some of the farmers protested against the date of the state fair and thought it should have been held after the rush of harvesting was over.

Bismarck.—Commissioner of Agriculture Gilbreath is getting some swell notices from the state press on the folder he has just issued advertising the resources of the state.