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RENSSELAER, INDIANA

OUR COAST IS SAFE.

NO FEAR OF HOSTILE INVASION FELT.

There is Much Yet to Be Done, but Our Defenses Are Now as Good as Those of Any Nation—Fatal Rail-way Collision.

Defenses of Eastern Ports.

Col. James A. Smith, United States Government engineer, has just returned to Cleveland after a month's absence largely spent in inspecting the Atlantic coast defenses, and especially the harbor at New York, Boston and Portland. Me. "Our harbor defenses," said Col. Smith, "while not yet completed, are sufficiently far advanced that it would be suicidal for a warship of any foreign country to enter any of these harbors, if we objected." He goes on to say that he yet needs to inspect, but work is being pushed forward rapidly. Very few people have any idea of the power or accuracy of our coast defenses. Our defenses are as good as any in the world for their purposes. No better can be found anywhere. The works are being rapidly completed and it will not be a great while until the coast is well nigh impregnable."

STEAMER COLUMBIA WRECKED.

Pacific Coast Vessel Disposed in a Storm.

Goes Ashore at Hilo.

The steamship City of Columbia, from Honolulu for Puget sound, sank in the harbor of Hilo, H. I., and is a total wreck. The second day out a terrible hurricane arose and the seas washed completely over her smokestacks. She stood this terrible strain ten hours, when her engines broke. These were repaired and she put back with 100 passengers, who were each in for 1000 per hour over the pumps. Lifeboats were manned, as the failure of the engines or an explosion of the boilers was momentarily expected. It was a fight for life. She miraculously reached Hilo harbor. As she entered her engines broke again, and she drifted helplessly upon the beach. She soon began to break up and became a total wreck. Perfect discipline prevailed and passengers and crew were given ashore.

SELLS WIFE ON INSTALLMENTS.

New Jersey Man Gets Five Dollars, Three of Which is Paid Down.

The sale of a man on the installment plan has been called a "new" in New Jersey. The man is Mrs. Nellie Van Hise. She is 18 years old and pretty. The man who sold her is her husband, Harry S. Van Hise. The purchaser is William A. Devrey. He is 18 years old and was a member of Company D, First New Jersey volunteers, until that regiment was mustered out, a few days ago. The purchase price was \$5. Of this amount \$3 was paid down and the remaining \$2 is to be paid later on.

EXPRESS RUNS INTO FREIGHT.

Eight Persons Killed or Fatally Injured in Train Wreck.

Grand Trunk railroad car from a freight train near Trenton. Eight persons were killed or fatally injured. Three passengers, names unknown, were fatally injured. Twenty passengers, most of them being in the Pullman cars, were more or less seriously hurt. The accident occurred at a place called the Diamond Crossing, about two miles from Trenton. The express ran into an open switch and dashed into the freight train.

Indians Are Forced to Obey.

Major A. E. Woodward, Indian agent for the Arapahoes, says that after new school houses had been built old White Shields of the Moon branch of the Cheyennes revolted and persuaded many Indians to keep the children from school. By order of the Indian Commissioner their rations were cut off, which brought them at once to obey treaty rules.

Son Accuses His Mother.

Mrs. Rebecca Rosenberger was arrested at Princeton, Ind., on the charge of attempted murder, entered against her by her 10-year-old son, Alva, who alleges that she attempted to poison him in order that she might receive the money on his life insurance policy, which names her as the beneficiary.

Death is Due to Hydrophobia.

Thomas Moore, aged 7 years, died at Sedalia, Mo., of hydrophobia, after having suffered a dog bite a month before. He had convulsion after convulsion, during which he barked like a dog and frothed at the mouth, it requiring the efforts of two men to hold him.

Adelina Patti to Wed Again.

Patti, wife of Nicolai, has informed some of her friends of her intention to marry again. The gentleman who will become the prima donna's third husband is Baron Cederstrom, a Swede. The marriage will take place in February.

Drive Out the Chinese.

The miners employed in the vicinity of Silverton, B. C., have rounded up all the Chinese laborers in the various camps and shipped them out of the district. The Mongolians are expected to return to China by the next steamer.

Great Fire at Dawson City.

Dawson has again been swept by fire and forty of the principal buildings are in ashes. As was the case before, a drunken and infatuated woman and a lamp were the cause of the fire. The loss is estimated at half a million.

Merritt and Shafter Assigned.

A special from Washington says: "Gen. Merritt will resume command of the Department of the East when he returns from Europe, and Gen. Shafter will go to San Francisco to command the Department of the Pacific, which he relinquished when the war began."

2,600 Miles by Telephone.

The last wire by which Austin, Texas, can have telephonic connection with Bar Harbor, Me., has been strung. The line is 2,600 miles long and is the longest in the world.

Lives Lost at a Fire.

The transport Newport, has sailed from San Francisco for Manila with Gen. Merritt and staff and the last of the Philippine expedition. The troops that went away comprise some of the Kansas regiment, the Alger battery of Wyoming and a regiment of the California heavy artillery.

Up Dallas Street Cars.

The lines of the Consolidated Electric Street Car Company in Dallas, Texas, are being up by a strike. Several motormen were discharged by the new superintendent and other men were put in their places. The employees demanded the reinstatement of the discharged men.

Golf Player Chloriformed.

Ockley C. Johnson, a professional golfer, was performing in a hotel on the Natural Bridge road near St. Louis and robbed of \$100 in cash, a gold watch and chain and other valuables.

New Republic Moves Capital.

The Government of the United States of Central America, removing its capital from Managua, Honduras, to Chimalá, Nicaragua, which will be the permanent seat of government.

Influence of Elections and Weather.

Bradstreet's views the business situation thus: "While the influence of the elections and of unfavorable weather has

SAVED FROM SINKING VESSEL.

Thrilling Rescue of a Norwegian Sailor in Midocean.

The German oil tank steamer Standard, which has arrived at Philadelphia, brings with it Anderson, a Norwegian sailor, saved at sea from the wrecked Norwegian bark Sigrid. The rescue by a boat's crew from the Standard was a thrilling and gallant one, and was accomplished after one boat had been dashed to pieces against the side of the steamer and a number of daring attempts had been made to reach the wrecked bark. Finally Anderson, who had been clinging to a spar about him, and then jumped into the sea. He was dragged into the boat in an unconscious condition. Anderson says the remainder of the crew had been taken off the bark by an unknown vessel. He had evidently been forgotten, for the crew failed to come back to rescue him. The derelict was left nearly submerged.

LAD DEFENDED HIS MOTHER.

Seven-Year-Old Boy is Arrested for Shooting a Negro.

Johnnie Gordon, aged 7 years, was under arrest in Justice J. C. Gillespie's court at Columbia, Mo., charged with intent to kill. Johnnie's mother, Mrs. Johnnie Gordon, a little home in the northwestern part of Columbia, Warren Field, a drunken negro, engaged in the pastime of throwing rocks at Mrs. Gordon's house. She undertook to drive him away, but the negro would not leave. Johnnie, seeing his mother in trouble, got an old shotgun which stood on the wall, pointed it through a window at Field and shot him. The shot struck Field, injuring him slightly. When he sobered up he had the boy arrested. When Prosecuting Attorney J. H. Murry heard the testimony of the prosecuting witness and the statement of the frightened lad he dismissed the case.

CINCINNATI OFFICIAL KILLED.

John C. Roth, County Treasurer, is crushed to death at his office.

County Treasurer John C. Roth met a tragic death at Cincinnati. He was found with his head crushed on the elevator in his big pork packing establishment. The theory as to the accident which is accepted by the coroner and the family is that after stepping on the elevator he pulled the lever. It worked hard and he gave it a jerk. He started it, but in doing so he slipped and fell. As he had not right himself in time his head was caught between the elevator and the bottom of the third floor. The elevator went on and did not stop until the automatic mechanism had done its duty.

AWFUL TRAGEDY IN KENTUCKY.

Robert Brown Kills His Wife and Her Parents—He is Captured.

Near Glasgow, Ky., Robert Brown shot and killed his father-in-law, John McClellan, his mother-in-law and his wife, Bertha, and dangerously wounded his brother-in-law. He then made his escape. A alarm was sounded and a posse quickly collected and gave pursuit. Brown was tracked to his barn, which was surrendered. He opened fire on his pursuers, who had returned, over 100 shots being fired. The barn was about to burn the barn over his head when Brown appeared at the door with his weapons in his hands and surrendered.

UNC' RASTUS' POSSUM YARN.

Thanksgiving Story Told by the Old Negro for the Children.

N Old Uncle Rastus Pettibone's home, a very modest little house, the establishment great preparations were being made for the Thanksgiving festivities which the next day was expected to usher in.

The morning came and Aunt Patty took the possum which Uncle Rastus had caught and placed him in the broiler to roast him in the oven. After the possum had been broiled she opened the oven and put in the pan a lot of sweet potatoes which had previously been boiled and split and let them brown in the possum fat.

When the animal was done brown the family and their friends gathered around the festal board and the middle-sized girls and the big girls, the old folks and the young folks pitched into the dish and made a hearty meal, securing the South.

After the dinner they had some music, and wound up with a dance. When the dance was ended the visitors, to the number of seven or eight, left with a chorus of good-bys and jokes and the family were left by themselves.

"Put on some coal on dat fish you Bonapart," said Uncle Rastus. "My law, dat fish is good, come on ole Ahkawas, yash, it sholy do."

"Tell us 'bout it, pa," said Caline, and the other children clamored for the story.

"Well," said Uncle Rastus, "down dah in Boston incautious whah I'ze bawd in the oven. Once I'ze bawd in the oven, yash, I'ze bawd in the oven."

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