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SEVEN PEOPLE DROWN

Fatal Accident Occurs to Moonlight Excursion Party.

THE LAUNCH TANK EXPLODED

Stunned by the Explosion, Many of the Party Were Unable to Save Themselves by Swimming—Accident Near Clarendon, Ark.

Little Rock, Ark., May 20.—A special to the Gazette from Clarendon, Ark., says:

Seven people were drowned Tuesday night when the tank of a gasoline launch, in which they had gone for a moonlight excursion, exploded, wrecking the boat.

Other members of the party were rescued with difficulty.

One of those who were rescued, Miss Mary Cavett, of Clarendon, was badly burned.

Details of the tragedy are meager.

The boat left Clarendon early in the evening, bearing a merry party who had planned to go several miles below Clarendon. The tank of the launch exploded, wrecking the boat and hurling the occupants into the river, which at this point, more than fifty feet from the shore, is very deep.

Few of them could swim and some were stunned by the force of the explosion and went down before swimmers in the party could make an effort at rescue. The survivors were found on the river bank by runners despatched from here because of the prolonged absence of the party.

The boat was a gasoline launch about thirty feet long and capable of seating twenty to twenty-five people.

It was owned by E. A. Fairfer, one of those who escaped, and who saved the lives of several of the women in the party. It had frequently been used for like excursions.

None of the bodies have been recovered.

Diocese Will Be Divided.

Rome, May 28.—It is believed in vatican circles that the Cleveland diocese, rendered vacant by the recent death of Bishop Horstman, will be divided in two and that Toledo will be the head of the new diocese. Monsignor John Farrelly, spiritual director of the American College in Rome, and Rev. J. M. Koudelka, one of the consultants of the Cleveland diocese, probably will be made bishops, the former of Cleveland, and the latter at Toledo.

Rear Admiral Hemphill Honored.

Tokio, May 25.—Rear Admiral Hemphill and the other officers of the visiting American squadron are being shown much attention by the Japanese officials. The various functions in their honor approximate in importance a public reception. The American squadron will remain in Japanese waters until June 3 in order to participate in the memorial day exercises at Yokohama.

Accepts Torpedo Station.

Savannah, Ga., May 23.—The six buildings comprising the torpedo station on the government reservation, have been formally accepted by the government through Lieutenant Colonel Dan C. Kinman, engineer of the district. The work cost \$36,000 and was contracted for by Grant Wilkins, of Atlanta, Ga.

Diocese Has Adjourned.

Huntsville, Ala., May 23.—The annual council of the Episcopal diocese of Alabama has adjourned its seventy-seventh session. The report of the general missionary secretary showed that more than \$8,000 had been secured in church buildings and lots last year and that two churches were completed.

40,000 Deaths Result of Famine.

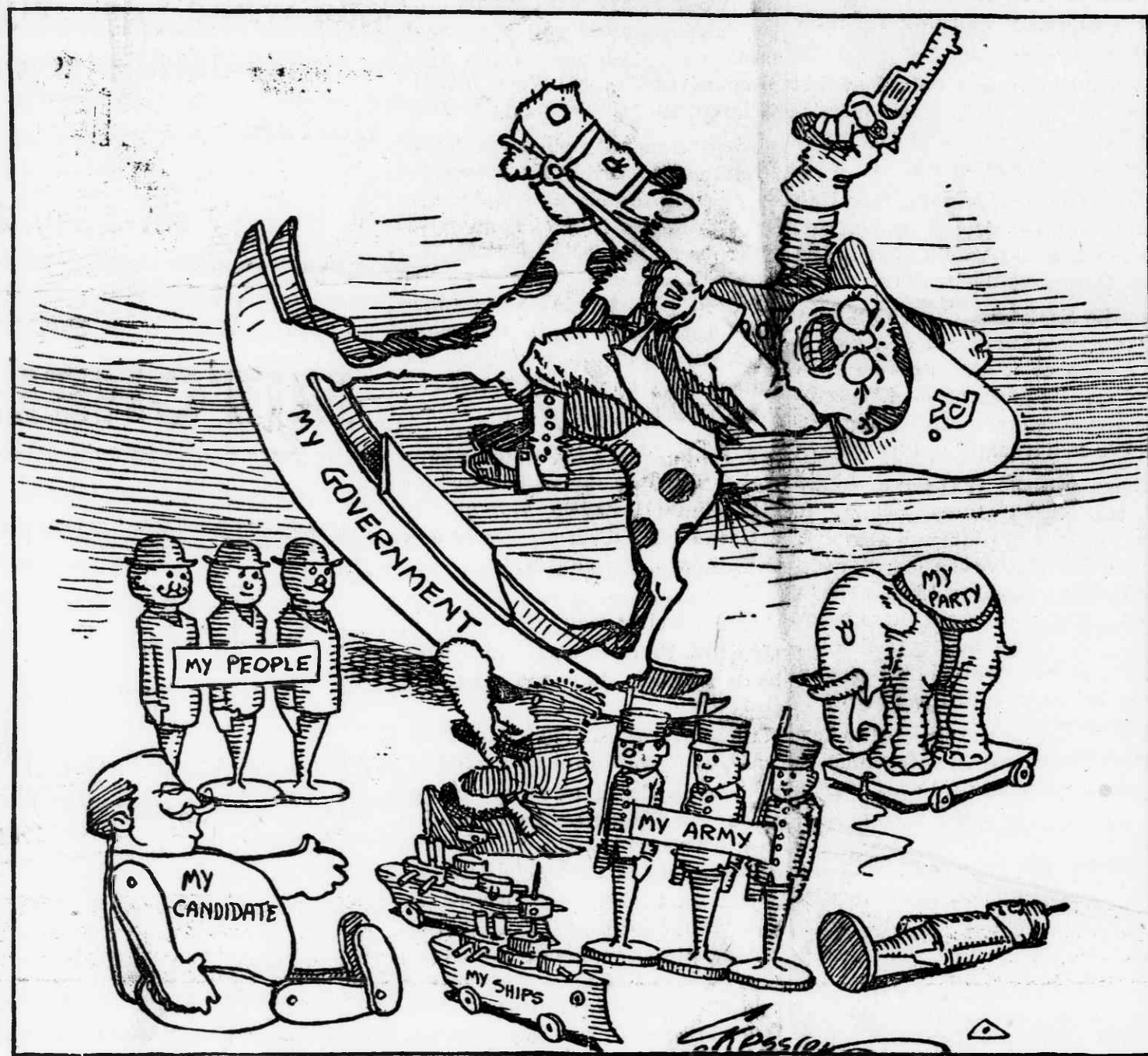
Mombasa, British East Africa, May 23.—More than 40,000 deaths have resulted from the severe famine prevailing in the Usoga province of Uganda. The government is feeding 50,000 of the natives. Crops are a complete failure and there is prospect of much suffering during the next few months.

100,000 VISITORS IN SEATTLE.

Every Available Water Craft Put to Use on Puget Sound.

Seattle, Wash., May 23.—100,000 visitors in the city of Seattle awaited the arrival of the battleship fleet. All of the railroads, electric lines and steamships have been pouring sightseers into the city for several days and many thousands will arrive here in time to see the naval parade. The people of Seattle will present to

TEDDY IN TOYLAND.



—Kessler in St. Louis Republic.

Admiral Sperry, commander in chief of the fleet, a magnificent key made of virgin Alaska gold as a token that the door of the city is open.

The Japanese residents will give a big fireworks spectacle in the harbor as a compliment to the men of the fleet.

Every available steamship and launch on Puget Sound will be put to use to greet the battleships. The city has been elaborately decorated.

Upon the arrival of the fleet 50,000 street car tickets and 8,000 theater tickets will be distributed to the men who come ashore. In the evening the chamber of commerce will give a reception to the officers at the New Washington Hotel. Four thousand invitations have been issued to the public.

IN HANNA'S MEMORY.

Magnificent Monument Dedicated at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 23.—May 23 will long be remembered by the multitude of friends and admirers of the late Marcus A. Hanna as the day of the dedication in this city, in the presence of Vice President Fairbanks and other distinguished guests, of St. Gaudens' magnificent monument in memory of the late senator, John W. Griggs, the orator of the day, was attorney general of the United States under President McKinley. The monument, which was the last work of the genius of the late Augustus St. Gaudens, cost about \$70,000 and the money was raised by popular subscription.

This monument stands at the entrance of Wade Park, one of the most beautiful in the world.

GOV SPARKS DIES AT RANCH.

Nevada Chief Executive Had Been Ill for Some Time.

Reno, Nev., May 23.—Governor John Sparks, of Nevada, who had been ill for some time, is dead at his ranch near Reno. Governor Sparks' term would have expired December 31, 1910.

Governor Sparks died of Bright's disease. His wife and son were at his bedside when death came. He was born in Mississippi in August, 1843, and has been governor of Nevada since 1902.

Don S. Dickerson will now become governor of Nevada.

Found Dead in Public Road.

Frankfort, Ky., May 23.—N. B. Hazell, a prominent farmer of Shelby county, was found dead in the road near the Franklin county line and a prospective raid by night riders is believed to be connected with his death. A wound from a shotgun in the chest and a cartridge near the body shows how death was caused. Neighbors believe he was a member of a band of tobacco plant bed raiders and was either killed by a grower, whose bed the night riders sought to destroy, or by soldiers of a local company.

AIRSHIP BURSTS.

Sixteen Men Fall a Distance of Three Hundred Feet.

Oakland, Cal., May 26.—A mammoth airship on its trip in Berkeley, rose 300 feet from the earth, in view of 10,000 spectators, tilted, burst and dropped to the ground with its crew of sixteen men, every one of whom was injured. With the possible exception of one, all will recover. Several were severely hurt, while nine were cut and bruised.

L. C. Rogers, engineer, whose right leg was fractured, and who was right leg was fractured, and who was injured internally, may die.

The airship rose slowly from the earth. The five gasoline engines, suspended beneath the long gas receptacle at intervals of about 50 feet, each attended by an engineer, were not put in operation until the airship was well up in the air. Then two of the engines slowly set in motion the long propellers reaching out from them on each side of the ship. Before the ship could be propelled further than a few feet, the forward end tilted downward until the craft stood at an angle of about 45 degrees, nose downward.

The members of the crew were apparently unable to run along the canvas pathway in order to equalize the weight and to right the airship, and they clung desperately to the netting and superstructure. The rush of gas to the stern of the long gas bag caused the envelope to burst with a loud ripping noise. The release of a great quantity of gas caused the airship to settle toward the earth. Some of the crew lost their heads before the ship could alight, and jumped, suffering broken limbs or severe bruises.

Nearing the earth, the ship lost gas more rapidly and the overweighted remnant of gas was borne to earth rapidly with great force. Morrell, the inventor of the craft, and several of the engineers were caught in the understructure and injured by the engines.

BRIEF DISPATCHES.

The prospect of the early entrance into Fez of Mulai Hafid, the usurping sultan of Morocco, a circumstance that would give him possession of three capitals of Morocco, Morocco City, Fez and Mequinez, compels France reluctantly to face the possibility of having to recognize him as the legitimate sultan of the empire.

It is expected that the Presbyterian General Assembly, now in session in Kansas City will make plans for an evangelistic campaign to be begun within a year, to touch every part of the world, to be under the direction of Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, and the expenses to be borne chiefly by laymen.

United States customs officials, using a tug boat, chased the Norwegian steamer Times, Iverson, master, two miles down Mobile bay and removed H. Johansen and E. Kuhl, two seamen,

who are claimed to have been crimped from the British steamer Kassala, Morgan, master.

The relatives of eight men employed in the Wintermeyer Box Factory, which was destroyed by fire in Chicago, reported to the police that they have not returned to their homes. Only one body, however, that of Louis Bender, has so far been found in the ruins.

The council of the empire has issued a concession for the construction of a railroad to traverse the Donetz region northward for a distance of 560 miles. The line is to cost \$40,500,000, and the bonds will be guaranteed by the state and quoted on the Paris Bourse.

Goodwin Scudmore, the last survivor of the union prisoners who made their escape through the tunnel from the Libby prison during the civil war, is dead at his home near Lakeport, Cal. He was eighty-three years of age.

Dispatches from the west coast of Africa announce that the steamer Ville de Bruges has been sunk by a tornado on the upper Congo. Six Europeans and forty-eight blacks were drowned.

A bill has been presented in the Rio Janeiro chamber of deputies providing a pension for the family of Lieutenant Fonseca, the young Brazilian army officer who recently lost his life in a balloon ascension here.

No action looking toward the expulsion of Representative George L. Lilley, of Connecticut from the house, is contemplated. This statement is authoritatively made to the Associated Press.

The house committee on banking and currency has voted, by a substantial majority, to recommend the passage of the Aldrich joint resolution creating a currency commission.

Twenty peasants who took part in recent agrarian disorders in the Yekaterinograd district were hanged here under decree of a courtmartial.

Program for Farmers' Meeting.

Augusta, Ga., May 23.—The program has just been announced for the annual meeting of the Associated Savannah Valley Farmers' Clubs, to take place July 9 at the Meriwether Club house. The address of welcome on behalf of the Meriwether Club will be made by Hon. James L. Reynolds. The response will be made by Senator J. L. Bates, of the South Carolina. Other addresses will be delivered by General M. C. Butler, of Edgefield; President James U. Jackson, of Augusta; Captain N. Y. Evans, Colonel W. J. Tolbert and Dr. J. E. Greene.

"You have myopia, haven't you?" asked the eye doctor who had called at the public library to look at a reference book.

"I don't know, sir," said the near-sighted attendant, blinking at him, "but if we have you'll find it in the catalogue."

LAMPHER IS INDICTED

Seven Indictments Embrace Murder and Arson.

MORE JEWELRY IS FOUND

The Basement Floor on the Site of the Guinness Farm Will Be Dug Up in Search for More Bodies of the Victims.

LaPorte, Ind., May 23.—After ten days' delay, digging on the Guinness farm in search for more bodies was resumed by order of Sheriff Smutzer and Coroner Mack; but the entire garden where the "grave-yard" was located will not be dug up. The basement floor on the site of the Guinness home, and the ground near the rows of evergreen trees will be excavated. Jewelry belonging to May O'Reilly, who lived in Troup street, Rochester, N. Y., was found by Sheriff Smutzer, who communicated the fact to the Rochester police. They replied by telegram that the woman disappeared from her home several months ago.

The grand jury has returned seven indictments against Ray Lampher, one each charging murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness, Philip Guinness, Lucy Sorensen and Myrtle Sorensen by destroying the Guinness house, one for arson in destroying Mrs. Guinness' house by fire; one for murder of Andrew Helgelein on January 14, and one for accessory in assisting Mrs. Guinness in the murder of Helgelein.

Brazil's Relations Excellent.

Rio Janeiro, May 23.—In reply to the reports current here lately that the relations between Brazil and the Argentine Republic were strained, the leader of the government declared in the chamber of deputies that Brazil's relations with all powers were excellent. Brazil was pursuing, as always, a policy of peace, he said, and the idea of war was inconceivable.

Theodore Shonts Leaves for New York

Paris, May 23.—Theodore P. Shonts of New York, will leave here for home May 27. Mrs. Shonts will remain with her daughter, the Duchess de Chaulnes, until after the birth of the latter's child. The Duke de Chaulnes died suddenly in Paris April 23.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS BILL.

Most of the Important Amendments By Senate Retained.

Washington, May 25.—An agreement has been reached by the conference on the omnibus public buildings bill. Most of the important amendments made by the senate were retained, although in some instance the amounts were reduced. These included Miami, Fla., \$175,000.

The item of \$2,500,000 for the purchase of a site and the construction of a building for the departments of state and justice were retained. The item of \$400,000 for the purchase of an embassy building in Paris was stricken out of the bill.

Said Near Beer Caused Death.

Rome, Ga., May 26.—Dick Hudgins, an old negro, is dead from the effects of drinking "near" beer. His death will probably be followed by more, as others partook of the beer at the same time he did. The negro was employed in the yards of the N. C. & St. L. railroad, and he and a number of co-workers discovered a keg of "near" beer in an empty car. The keg is said to have been previously opened, which allowed the contents to become flat and insipid and probably poisonous. The negroes were taken violently ill soon after drinking a quantity of the liquid.

Rome Population 11,700.

Rome, Ga., May 26.—The completed census of Rome which has just been finished figures up 11,700. This includes all seven wards, two of which have been taken in since the last census. It gives Rome an increase of about 60 per cent over the census of 1900, when the government figures showed 7,291. This census is undoubtedly correct, it having been taken under the supervision of the city authorities and regular enumerators appointed for each ward.

Case Ordered Re-Tried.

Leipzig, May 23.—The supreme court has set aside the verdict of the lower court under which Maximilian Harden, the Berlin editor, was found guilty of libeling Count Von Moltke, and ordered that the case be re-tried by the lower courts. Harden was cheered by the crowd as he went to and left the court room.

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