

WARSHIP IS SUNK

Japanese Cruiser is Destroyed by Explosion in Magazine.

WORK OF RESCUE IS PROMPT

Two Other Cruisers at Once Lower Their Boats.

ONLY PART OF CREW SAVED

Hundred Forty-One Men and Few Officers Picked Up.

PRIDE OF NATION'S YOUTH DEAD

Many Officers and Sons of Nobility Go Down with the Matsushima of Pescadore Islands.

TOKIO, April 30.—Admiral commander of the training force...

Efforts at rescue by boats continued until 9 a. m., saving the lives of 14 men...

The sons of Baron Chinda, vice minister of the foreign office...

Several details of disaster.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador...

Naval officers who at once looked up the record of the cruiser drew the conclusion...

Theories as to Cause.

Based on the first advice, naval experts inferred that the explosion was caused by either a defective electric wire...

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THE WEATHER.

FORECAST FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY, Fair Friday; not much change in temperature.

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Fair Friday, partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR IOWA—Generally fair Friday.

Temperatures at Omaha yesterday:

Hour. Deg. 5 a. m. 36 6 a. m. 36 7 a. m. 36 8 a. m. 36 9 a. m. 36 10 a. m. 36 11 a. m. 36 12 m. 36 1 p. m. 36 2 p. m. 36 3 p. m. 36 4 p. m. 36 5 p. m. 36 6 p. m. 36 7 p. m. 36 8 p. m. 36 9 p. m. 36

Severe frost Wednesday night has done great damage to fruit in Iowa.

The freeze extended into Missouri and northern Kansas.

Publishers of United States state their case against the Paper trust at the committee investigation at Washington.

Program for the prelates who are celebrating the centenary of Catholicity in New York is an elaborate one.

Contest in Marshalltown, Ia., between strikers and strike breakers on Iowa Central road has narrowed down to a hard contest.

Republicans of Maine endorse Secretary Taft for president, but do not instruct for him.

Possibility the Osborne-Maloney marriage may be annulled and that the marriage of Miss Maloney to Samuel Clarkson may be observed formally.

House committee takes favorable action upon the bill to purchase homes for embassies and legations for the United States.

Official report at Washington shows that the use of water power along the Appalachian system depends upon the preservation of forests.

Statement given out at New York that Governor Hughes is in the race for president to stay until there is a candidate chosen.

Japanese training cruiser Matsushima goes down because of explosion of magazine.

REBRASKA.

Mr. Edward Penner of Nebraska City comes back to attend the funeral of her husband.

Dogs lose trace of Bert Taylor near Kennington, Kan.

Statement of state treasurer shows almost \$100,000 on hand, but greater portion will be paid out to schools in May.

Automobile driver held for killing Miss Smith. Union Pacific files statement of value of its property.

County Assessor Shriver completes assessment of land properties in Omaha showing value in tangible property alone to be worth more than \$11,000,000.

Rev. Charles W. Savidge says social evil in Omaha is in the worst conditions it has been in twenty-five years as result of recent radical action, which he decries as a move for the worst.

District judge decides to appoint new park board to take place of present board appointed by mayor and council, thus hoping to settle controversy.

They have addressed petitions to voters the urgent need for voting bonds for a new court house because of entirely inadequate condition of present building.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

Live stock markets. Grain markets.

PORTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

NEW YORK. Arrived. Sailed.

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IOWA FRUIT MEN TREMBLE

Frost Over State Does Damage Not Yet Fully Estimated.

EXTENDS SOUTH INTO MISSOURI

Snow Storms Prevail in Ohio and Kentucky—High Winds Take Crops in Florida—Exports Talk.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 30.—A killing frost, injuring fruit and vegetables and destroying the chances of good crops of either for this season, visited this vicinity last night.

The minimum temperature in Des Moines was 23, 3 degrees below the freezing mark.

All fruit trees that had blossoms opened were damaged and the more tender of vegetables were nipped.

The fact that the sun stayed behind the clouds until after the temperature had risen above the freezing point early this morning, will be a decided help to the crops.

OKLAHOMA, Ia., April 30.—The mercury went down to 27 degrees last night. Fruit growers differ as to the extent of the damage done.

Snow in East and South.

CINCINNATI, O., April 30.—A heavy wet snow that fell in this section early today caused considerable damage to trees from broken branches, but as the weather was not very cold, it is hoped fruit and growing crops will suffer only slightly.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 30.—Two inches of snow fell here and throughout eastern and central Kentucky today, but local nursery men say that fruit has not been hurt. In some places the snowfall is reported the heaviest of the year, and it may cause a postponement of today's races.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 30.—Snow to the depth of nearly two inches fell early today over western and northern Kentucky, and in Louisville the temperature fell to 22.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 30.—A wind storm destroyed much property a few miles east of this city early today. Tobacco sheds, barns and other wooden structures were razed and the damage to crops is heavy.

ZANESVILLE, O., April 30.—A heavy snow storm has raged here since midnight. Trees were broken down and street cars practically put out of business by falling poles.

COLUMBUS, O., April 30.—The heavy wet snow in Ohio last night and today damaged many fruit trees.

Heavy Damage in South.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 30.—Heavy frost last night did much damage to fruit crops throughout northern Missouri and western Kansas. Vegetable gardens also suffered.

PITTSBURG, April 30.—Snow fell in this vicinity early today. The temperature is 2 degrees above freezing. Unless the weather turns colder, however, it is not believed much damage will result to vegetation.

The snow is general throughout western Pennsylvania. During a rain storm which followed the snow in this city several houses were struck by lightning.

CLEVELAND, April 30.—A heavy, wet snow began falling here early today, but reports indicate that the storm prevails practically over the entire state.

LA CROSSE, Wis., April 30.—Frost is reported today throughout western Wisconsin and southern Minnesota. Thousands of acres of garden truck, hundreds of flower beds and other green products were blasted by the frost and ruined for the season. Strawberry plants are frozen and wilted. Currant bushes and fruit trees, which were covered with buds, were killed for the season and will bear no fruit this year.

Heavy Frost at Lawrence.

LAWRENCE, Kan., April 30.—A heavy frost did much damage to the small fruit crops in this part of the state last night. Vegetables also suffered.

BURLINGTON, Ia., April 30.—Heavy frost here last night did considerable damage to fruit.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., April 30.—Great damage was done to all small fruits by last night's heavy frost, with the possible exception of late apples. The mercury touched 24 degrees.

CARTHAGE, Mo., April 30.—There was a heavy frost here last night and it is believed much damage to fruit was caused.

EXPERT TELLS OF FROST DAMAGE

Loss of Part of Crop at Least Will Result in Iowa.

AMES, Ia., April 30.—(Special.)—Tuesday night's freeze, says Prof. Erwin of the horticulture department here, has undoubtedly done considerable damage to the fruit in the central part of the state. In the northern section the fruit trees are hardly in bloom yet, while farther south the blooming period is well past. In the central section, however, the blossoms were all out and the fruit at the most critical period of its development. While it is hardly possible at this time to estimate the money value of the damage, prospects for a bumper fruit-crop are not nearly so good as they were last week.

ROCKE, Ia., April 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Frost last night did irreparable damage in this county. The loss will amount to many thousands. Cherries, plums and all small fruit is nearly done for. Half the apple crop may be saved. Grapes may bud out again and make a small crop. A. E. Frampton, a horticultural expert, said the damage done is of untold amount.

WORK OF RELIEF IN THE SOUTH

Red Cross Officials in Active Charge in Many Places.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 30.—The work of relief for the tornado sufferers in Louisiana and Mississippi is now so thoroughly organized that it covers every part of the wide territory affected. At Hattiesburg, Miss., today, Red Cross officials took active charge of the care of the 100 or more severely injured in Hattiesburg hospital. The number of nurses has not been sufficient up to today. Many of the women of Hattiesburg and vicinity who have given their time for nearly a week toward alleviating suffering, are now nearly worn out.

In Louisiana Governor Blanchard announces that state funds, together with the relief supplies and money, have been provided in sufficient quantities to meet most of the needs. The state, however, has called upon the federal government for funds, which are one of the most urgent needs everywhere, especially so today on account of a decided drop in the temperature.

Helle and Anna at Home.

ROME, April 30.—Mme. Gould and Prince de Sagan arrived here today from Naples. The entire party went to the Grand hotel. From Rome Mme. Gould and the prince will go direct to the French Riviera.

KING RECOMMENDS REFORMS

Portuguese Cortes Assembles on the Anniversary of the Constitution.

LISBON, April 30.—The Portuguese Cortes re-assembled today, the eight-second anniversary of the establishment of a constitutional government in Portugal.

The royal mourning for the late King Carlos and his death was suspended for the occasion. The entire garrison of Lisbon was turned out at daylight and formed along the route from the Necessidades palace to the parliament buildings.

King Manuel proceeded to the Cortes, accompanied by many dignitaries of state and escorted by strong guard of troops. His majesty slowly mounted the tribune that had been especially erected for his use. His address, which he read in strong and full tones, not unlike those of his father, was a pathetic and at the same time a practical and vigorous discourse, calculated to win the sympathy of the people.

He touched upon the tragedy of February 1, when his father and his brother were shot down as "the cruel disappearance of my father and brother."

Continuing, King Manuel recommended a revision of the constitution, the re-establishment of individual rights, a new electoral law fixing the rights of suffrage, a revision of the decrees promulgated by ex-Premier Franco, and more rigid and careful methods of finance whereby the country could be placed on a more economical footing.

At the conclusion of the king's speech the members of the Cortes broke out into cries of "long live the king," which were taken up and repeated by the others present.

While journeying from the buildings of parliament King Manuel was respectfully greeted by the people.

ASQUITH PASSES HOME RULE

New English Premier Does Not Give Irish Men Hope for Change.

LONDON, April 30.—Speaking in the House of Commons this afternoon, Premier Asquith reaffirmed his opposition to mention home rule in his speech at the liberal meeting at the reform club this morning and gave practically complete assurance to the home rule pledges given by Winston Spencer Churchill during the recent electoral campaign at Manchester.

The subject was brought up by Walter Long, conservative, who asked the premier if Mr. Churchill's speech had his sanction and authority, and if so whether he would give the house an opportunity of discussing this change in the government's policy.

Mr. Asquith replied: "There has been no change in the policy of the government, which was fully explained by the secretary for Ireland and myself in this house on March 30. I did not authorize Mr. Churchill to make, and I am satisfied he has not made any statements inconsistent with the previous declarations of the government."

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WHITNEY MAKES CONFESSION

Attorney of Lake Boat Company Wrote Anonymous Letters.

SENSATION IN LILLEY HEARING

He Was Formerly Clerk of House Committee on Naval Affairs, and Then Became Officer of Boat Company.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The investigation into the legislative methods employed by the Electric Boat company directed by the house of representatives and a resolution introduced February 20 last by Representative George L. Lilley of Connecticut is ended as far as open sessions of the special house committee which has been conducting it are concerned.

The closing episode in the case was dramatic. Frank Brown Whitney, an attorney-at-law, admitted that he was the author of the anonymous letters of February 13 and 15 to the representative of the Detroit Free Press and State Senator Frank Edmundo of Michigan, which have figured so prominently in the investigation.

Mr. Whitney was made in the form of an affidavit, which was read by his counsel, former United States Senator Thurston of Nebraska. Mr. Thurston stated that Mr. Whitney is ill in the Garfield hospital, this city, and that it would be impossible for him to appear before the committee.

Mr. Whitney's Reasons.

The reasons for writing the anonymous letters were given by Mr. Whitney as follows: "That of his own initiative he undertook, by what appeared to him at the time to be an improper method, to have brought to the attention of congress the methods which he believed had been pursued by the Electric Boat company in their endeavor to secure, through congressional action, what might be termed exclusive legislation which would shut out competition and prevent the Lake Torpedo Boat company from competing in the United States for submarine torpedo boat construction."

Reference is also made to anonymous communications sent by Mr. Whitney to a New York newspaper, and the affidavit continues:

Said deponent sent said communications and said statement to said newspapers, believing that Representative Louder had voted for an exclusive appropriation for submarines of certain type, but that he subsequently learned that Representative Louder voted for submarines without condition, he deeply regretted the wrong and injustice so done by him to Representative Louder, who was innocent of all suspicions entertained by deponent concerning him.

Mr. Whitney in his affidavit says that when he sent these anonymous communications he had reason to believe that the secretary would be introduced in the house of representatives for an investigation of the methods of the Electric Boat company and its predecessor, the Holland Boat company. He further says that he sent newspapers clippings to some members of the naval committee and may have also sent some clippings to Representative Lilley before February 20, 1908, the date of the introduction of Mr. Lilley's resolution of inquiry.

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