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## NORFOLK WINS FIRST PLACE

Miss Nellie Handley Took Highest Honors at Columbus.

### NORTH NEBRASKA ORATORY.

Representative of Local High School Captured The House With Humorous Selection "Her Cuban Tea." Norfolk's Custom Upheld.

[From Thursday's Daily.] In the oratorical contest of the North Nebraska Teachers' association held at Columbus last night, Miss Nellie Handley of this city won first honors on a humorous reading entitled "Her Cuban Tea." An immense crowd of auditors was present at the contest, and Miss Handley was cheered to the echo.

Miss Handley has won honors in elocution for Norfolk before. Two years ago she took first place in the local contest and second in the district contest, in which she won last night. She is a senior in the high school of this city.

Norfolk has always been proud of her impersonators, and has any number of times carried away the colors at district and state contests.

Herbert Daniels won first place in this same contest; Miss Maud Tannehill has won the same medal; Miss Winnie Owen took second in the district contest; and Clyde Hayes was first another year.

More than this, Miss Tannehill went to the state contest in 1900, took first place on her "Susie Smith," while Clyde Hayes did the same thing in 1899 with "The Yankee in Love."

### FATAL EXPLOSION IN MINE.

Six Men Are Killed and Six Others Seriously Injured.

Centralia, Ill., April 1.—An explosion of gas and coal dust in the coal shaft at Sandoval, six miles north of this city, resulted in the instant death of four men, the death of one other before the top of the shaft was reached and the death of another who died soon after reaching his home. Those who were killed in the mine were: Lefe Leaney, Frank Deroe, Joe The basco, John Giacino and Joe Bianco. Six others were terribly burned about the head and chest. Those seriously burned were: Allen and Henry Newhouse, Henry Wheeler, Frank Day, Charles T. Lewis and William McFadden. Henry Newhouse died soon after being taken home.

The accident was due to an accumulation of gases in the mine from imperfect ventilation and coal dust, which had been allowed to gather to a depth of two feet in many places. The force of the explosion wrecked the interior of the mines, destroying trapdoors and knocking down props. The mine recently suffered from a fire in which all the frame work was burned to the ground, with a loss of about \$10,000.

### RIVER CONDITION IS IMPROVED.

Hymelia Crevasse Is Kept in Check. State Convict Farm Flooded.

New Orleans, April 1.—With a net fall of two-tenths of a foot in the past twenty-four hours and encouraging news from the scene of the struggle at Hymelia, river conditions are considerably improved. The only disquieting news of the day was the crevasse at Angola, but the importance of this break was minimized to some extent by the news that the damage resulting would be largely confined to the state convict farm located there. The loss to the state will be heavy.

Flood Is Subsiding at Greenville. Greenville, Miss., April 1.—The flood situation, both in Greenville and surrounding territory, shows improvement, and there is little apprehension of further complications. The water is falling in the city. The suffering and distress have been greatly relieved and the work towards preventing widening of the crevasses to the south of the city is meeting with better success.

Armstrong Sentenced to Hang. Baker City, Ore., April 1.—Pleasant Armstrong, who was convicted of murder in the first degree Saturday last for the murder of Minnie Ensminger last Christmas, was sentenced to be hanged May 8.

Fall of Volcanic Ashes. Weiser, Ida., April 1.—During a heavy shower there was a fall of some white alkali substance. Windows were white with it and it had a salty taste. Many persons were of the opinion it was volcanic ashes.

### ACCUSED OF CORRUPTION.

Alderman Novak of Chicago Charged With Bribe-Taking.

Chicago, April 1.—Edward J. Novak, alderman from the Tenth ward, is accused of corruption in the misuse of his power as state legislator and city councilman. The accusation came in the hearing of a libel suit brought by Alderman Novak against August Geringer, editor of a Bohemian newspaper. John G. Panoch, former partner of the alderman in the real estate business, made the charges against Novak from the witness stand. "Alderman Novak told me that he cleared \$7,000 in the legislature," said Panoch. "He said that he got \$6,000 on one bill, \$700 for voting for another and also received compensation in connection with a third measure. He told me that he received \$2,500 for a certain ordinance passed by the city council."

### Fears for Safety of Train.

Truckee, Cal., April 2.—Grave fears are entertained for the safety of a train which left here for Lake Tahoe, on the Truckee and Tahoe narrow gauge. It carried a dozen people, including two ladies from San Francisco and some officers of the road. The Truckee river is much swollen and may have washed away one of the seven bridges which cross it, or the banks may have caved, precipitating the train into the river. Men on snowshoes have started from both ends of the road and a large party is organizing to leave here soon.

### Stockton Streets Under Water.

Stockton, Cal., April 2.—Several streets in Stockton are under water, owing to overflow of the San Joaquin river. Cellars and basements are flooded all over town, and water is also backing up in the rainwater sewers. Sidewalks are floating away in several places. A river is sweeping through the lower end of town, and many houses are cut off from communication. Schools have closed, the pupils being sent home as soon as it was evident that a flood was imminent.

### Reach an Agreement.

New Haven, Conn., April 2.—The differences between the trainmen of the New York, New Haven and Hartford company and their employers have been amicably settled. After conferences between a committee representing the trainmen on one side and a committee representing the directors on the other, it was announced that an agreement had been reached. There was nothing, however, to indicate what concessions have been made to the men.

### Wreck on the Big Four.

North Manchester, Ind., April 2.—A Big Four passenger train, running at full speed, crashed head-on into a southbound freight three miles north of here. Engineer Havy of Wabash, Ind., was instantly killed and Brake-man Will Hagen is missing and is thought to be under the engine. Baggage-man Seavy sustained probably fatal injuries. Both engines were almost demolished. Several passengers are reported injured.

### Tacoma Strike Declared Off.

Tacoma, Wash., April 2.—The strike of street car men against the Tacoma Railway and Power company has been officially declared off by the street railway employees' union. The strikers are to be taken back at the same wages as they received before the strike and as rapidly as places may be found for them in the service of the company.

### Fat Man's Race Is Fatal.

Sloux City, April 2.—J. H. Ball died in the Samaritan hospital here from the effects of having indulged in a fat man's foot race. With two other companions he participated in a sprint in which 200 pounds was the minimum limit. Ball received injuries which in two days caused his death.

### Two Men Shot by a Woman.

Concordia, Kan., April 2.—Mrs. Strums shot and fatally wounded Albert Tatro, an ex-convict, and shot Charles Forkner through the thigh. The men were trying to enter the woman's house when she fired at them.

### Turks Repulse Albanians.

St. Petersburg, April 1.—It is stated on good authority that after two hours fighting, the Turkish troops repulsed the Albanian attack on Mitrovitza. The Albanians lost heavily. Turkey has sent troops from the vilayet of Aidin, Asia Minor, to Albania.

### Catalans Issue Manifesto.

Madrid, April 1.—The Catalan party at Barcelona has issued a menacing manifesto against the government, which has produced an extraordinary sensation. The disorders continue in Valencia, where the chief of police has been dismissed.

## NEARLY MET RUNAWAY SON

Mrs. L. G. Peters Arrived From California Last Night.

### BOY HAD JUST LEFT FOR OMAHA

She Did Not Know He Had Left Home—Hears of it in Norfolk This Morning—Boy Was Stopped—A Good Natured Mother.

[From Thursday's Daily.] Little did Mrs. L. G. Peters of Rock Rapids, Ia., realize, when she arrived in Norfolk last night over the Union Pacific from California, that scarcely twenty hours earlier her sixteen-year-old son, Raymond, had passed through the city headed in exactly the opposite direction and running away from the home in which she had left him last fall. That was the case, but not until this morning did the mother learn anything about it.

Tuesday two boys from Rock Rapids passed through Norfolk running away from home. One was Parsons, the other Peters. They left for Omaha. Last night, singularly enough, Mrs. Peters, enroute home from California where she has been spending the winter, came to Norfolk. Today she learned about her boy and also learned that he had been stopped in his flight by the father of the Parsons boy at South Norfolk yesterday. He tried to run, but on a switch engine the pursuer overtook him. The Parsons boy had gone on to Omaha, so the captor and captive followed to make the other catch.

When seen at her hotel parlors this morning, Mrs. Peters laughed good naturedly about the incident. It was hard to realize that a boy would ever have left her home, unless he grew melancholy at her absence. She had a handsome little fellow four years old with her today. "I have to laugh at Raymond," she said "I don't like that sort of thing, but boys will be boys, I guess."

Mrs. Peters has a son, E. J. Peters, in Norfolk, who has a position at the Fair store.

### KING TO VISIT POPE.

Edward of England Will Soon Call on Pope Leo.

Rome, April 2.—Special to The News: It is officially stated that King Edward of England will soon pay a visit to Pope Leo.

### ACCIDENT AT ARTILLERY DRILL.

Corporal Killed and Three Soldiers Seriously Injured.

Washington, April 1.—The overturning of a heavy piece of artillery in the drill hall at Fort Myer, Virginia, during the regular drill of the Fourth battery of field artillery, caused the death of Corporal Charles J. Slavin and the injury of three other soldiers.

When the accident occurred the battery detachment, consisting of four pieces, was tearing at a gallop around the drill hall in column. As the heavy guns took the turn at a corner the wheels of the leading piece struck a rut under the tank and the entire piece was turned upside down. Slavin was the gunner of this piece and was seated on the limber chest. He was hurled to the ground, the heavy ordnance falling squarely across his body. On the limber case with him were Frank W. Kelley and Marcus Shores. The former was severely, though not fatally, injured, while Shores escaped any harm. On the axle seats of the overturned piece were Elmer Wehn and Jesse Woods. The latter escaped injury, but Wehn was thrown beneath the axle of the overturned gun, receiving injuries to his neck.

### Diaz Opens Congress.

Mexico City, April 2.—President Diaz opened congress in the presence of a brilliant audience, including many visiting Americans of distinction, invited for the occasion. In his message, speaking of the decision against Mexico by The Hague tribunal in the matter of the Pius fund, President Diaz said that although the decision was adverse to Mexico it served to demonstrate before the world that there are peaceful means of settling international questions. Space is given in the message to educational matters, in which a steady improvement has been made. The mining industry continues making solid progress.

### Drank Poisoned Whisky.

Greeley, Colo., April 1.—As the result of drinking poisoned whisky, L. T. Briscoe, an old resident of Greeley, is dead; John Yates is lying at death's door and Al Grossnickel is in a serious condition. Magnus Oleson, who furnished the whisky, is missing.

### DEATH IN AUTOMOBILE RACE.

Count Eliot Zborowski and Baron de Pallange Killed Near Nice.

Nice, April 2.—Count Eliot Zborowski of Nice was killed in an automobile hill-climbing race between here and La Turbie. The count's car turned a sharp angle too quickly, turned over and was wrecked. The count was hurled against a rock, his head was split open and he died instantly. His chauffeur was fatally injured. The race was then stopped. Baron de Pallange, who acted as Count Zborowski's chauffeur, died of the injuries he received when he was thrown from the car. The witnesses of the start of the race say that Zborowski wore white kid gloves, which prevented him from having a firm grasp of the brake. At the signal to go he started at half speed, which was soon increased to full speed. The accident occurred at the first turning of the road. The shock was terrific and Zborowski was shot from his car and struck the wall beside the road with his head about six feet from the ground. He fell to the ground dead, with his arms outstretched.

Baron de Pallange was thrown to the left. At the same instant that Count Zborowski and Baron de Pallange met their death another accident occurred at another point on the road. The chain of Baron Gustave's automobile broke and the car was overturned against the rocks. The baron and his chauffeur were thrown out, but both escaped with severe bruises.

### Relief Committee Makes Report.

New York, April 1.—The New York committee appointed by President Roosevelt for the relief of the West Indies sufferers at St. Pierre, on account of the volcanic eruptions, made a report to the president. The financial statement shows that subscriptions amounting to \$157,524 were received and that only \$70,973 was expended for relief work. When that amount had been paid it was found that no more supplies were needed. The committee says that 50 per cent of the amount can now be returned, but President Roosevelt having suggested that some donors might wish to send their balances to Governor Taft in response to his appeal for aid for sufferers in the Philippines, the committee has decided to ask subscribers what they wish to do with the money due them.

### Decides in Favor of Salt Trust.

Detroit, April 2.—In the Wayne circuit court Judge Donovan directed a verdict for the defendant in the suit brought by the Walton Salt company of Algonac, Mich., against the National Salt company, the so-called trust, to enforce a contract made with the Walton company by the National Salt company, by which \$1,000 per month was to be paid to the Algonac company for remaining idle. The contract was made in 1899. Judge Donovan holds that the contract is in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, and therefore void. This ruling is of great importance to the National Salt company, which is now in the hands of a receiver, as it will serve to annul a number of contracts of similar nature.

### MOODY IS AT SAN JUAN.

Harbor There May Be Selected as Site for a Naval Coaling Station. San Juan, P. R., April 2.—The United States dispatch boat Dolphin, which arrived from St. Thomas, visited Culebra island before coming here. Governor Hunt went on board the dispatch boat and explained to Secretary Moody that the dredging of San Juan harbor, which has a soft mud and coral bottom, does not present any engineering difficulties.

Mr. Moody, when interviewed regarding the chances of San Juan being selected as a site for a coaling station, and being informed that the legislature was disposed to grant any necessary lands free of cost, said: "If it can be easily dredged there is a possibility that the harbor may do."

### To Move Burlington Offices.

Lincoln, April 2.—Orders from Chicago announce the transfer in May from Lincoln to Chicago of the car accountant's office of the Burlington system in Nebraska. The local force comprises seventy men and Chief Accountant Frank M. Lucore will be come assistant car accountant for the "Q" system. The transfer of the Missouri office from St. Joseph to Chicago will be made at the same time. The change is regarded here as a move on the part of James J. Hill to consolidate departments.

### To Investigate Alton Reorganization.

Springfield, Ill., April 2.—A legislative investigation of the Chicago and Alton railroad reorganization was proposed in the state senate. Senator H. N. Evans of Aurora, Ill., introduced the resolution providing for the investigation.

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