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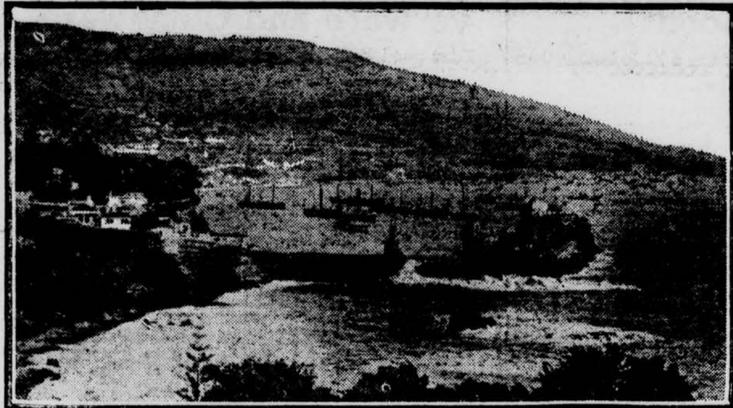
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EXCLUSIVE PHOTOGRAPH OF MAGDALENA BAY WHERE EVANS IS EMPEROR



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◆ In bringing the greatest fighting fleet ever assembled safely to anchor in as good or better condition than when it started, after a 13,000-mile cruise, the United States, through Evans and his officers and men, has given the world an object lesson that marks a new epoch in naval history.

◆ The condition in which the ships arrived is the matter of vital importance to every maritime nation in the world. That the voyage could not be made without hardship, delay and actual damage to the vessels was argued even by American so-called "naval experts." And here is the fleet in first class condition and two days ahead of schedule. The world now knows what U. S. battleships, at least, are good for.

◆ They have practically completed the momentous voyage in shape to clear for action at instant notice.

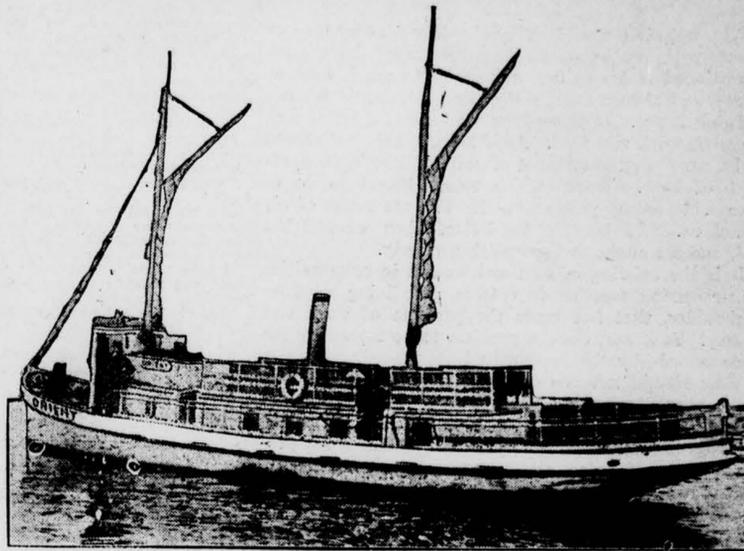
MAGDALENA BAY, Lower California, March 12.—(By the United Press wireless telegraph to Los Angeles and the United Press leased wire. By special staff correspondent.)

The Atlantic fleet of battleships in command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans entered Magdalena Bay early this morning. The fleet arrived late last night but anchored off port until daylight.

Led by the big flagship Connecticut, the armada steamed slowly through the narrow passage into shelter of the land-locked harbor. As the great fighting monsters swept into the calm waters of the bay with the tropical sun glistening on their white hulls, dazzling the eye as it struck the shining barrels of the big guns, a marine spectacle was afforded seldom, if ever, before witnessed.

As the fleet steamed past El Centinela, the giant rock that guards the entrance to the inner harbor, the admiral's salute boomed forth from the guns of the cruiser Buffalo, the only warship in the bay. It was answered by the incoming Connecticut.

PRESS HAS FLOATING NEWSPAPER OFFICE WITH FLEET AT MAGDALENA BAY



THE "ORIENT," THE BOAT CARRYING PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO MAGDALENA BAY

The news The Press is giving you today of the arrival and condition of the fleet at Magdalena Bay comes direct from a corps of special correspondents and photographers sent out by the United Press and Newspaper Enterprise association. The "Orient," the fastest boat procurable in southern California waters was chartered for this purpose, sailing from San Pedro March 7. It is now on the ground equipped with wireless instruments and other facilities for rushing news.

The nature of the country surrounding the bay is such that it is impossible for a spy to adequately observe the fleet while engaged in this work. For a whole month, the battleships will do nothing but perfect the art of naval offense and defense in closely guarded waters. What will be proved and dis-

proved during these trials are matters of the first moment to every civilized government in the world. For these and other reasons news-gathering agencies of the world are in competition to first announce the supremacy of the United States navy, or the failure of the battleships to come up to the high requirements.

The "Orient" has been fitted with a photographic darkroom, and all equipment necessary for producing pictures and newspaper articles, in fact, a miniature newspaper office. When it returns to southern California the articles and pictures will be ready for the printers and engravers and not a second's time lost in presenting the results to Press readers.

HELP THE CHILDREN

The 150,000 club's campaign to raise \$40,000 with which to purchase a site and build a new Home for the Friendless will begin Thursday, March 26.

This date was set at today's meeting of the club committee appointed to take charge of the project.

On Wednesday, March 25, the club hopes to secure the attendance of at least 500 interested citizens at the noon luncheon. The final details will then be attended to and committees named. It is the intention to have enough of these committees to cover the entire city in one day's canvass.

The preparatory arrangements have been left in the hands of Sec. Jones, of the club, and A. V. Broderick.

The women's clubs of the city, working in conjunction with Mesdames Lewis, Clifford and Smith, have agreed to provide the furnishings for the new building.

The Home of the Friendless is purely a local institution. It was organized in Spokane for the purpose of caring for the homeless, and is subject to no outside management.

At present it is housing about 50 children, 43 of whom are absolutely dependent upon the home for their daily bread and clothes. The others are maintained at a low price in the home by widowed parents.

These children are fed, clothed and sent to school. No child is refused a home whenever there is room. But accommodations are greatly overtaxed and the home is a rickety old frame structure that would probably be a deathtrap in case of fire. It cannot be abandoned because there is no other place to house its charges.

That, and the immense possibilities before the society for future benevolent work in behalf of homeless children, is the reason the 150,000 club has taken hold of the project of procuring a new and adequate building with its customary vim and vigor.

There is no more deserving charitable project before the city today than this. Its success means a safe and secure home, clothing and care for boys and girls who otherwise would be left to drift along through poverty into crime. The records of the home are not public property, but an investigation of them will show an amount of benefit conferred on the community in the years of its existence, the magnitude of which is not even suspected by the people of this city.

SHOW UP GRAFT IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Startling charges were made against the Electric Boat Co. today before the congressional investigation committee. The company is charged with maintaining a powerful lobby in Washington to influence legislation in its favor. C. P. Lilley, of Connecticut, was the first witness. He is the congressman who originated the investigation.

Lilley read a statement showing the existence of a lobby. He testified that the manufacturer had asked him to vote for the bill favoring the appropriation, and he said Representative Hobson told him that a representative of the boat company told him that he could make Hobson a member of the naval committee.

The little Mexican town on Magdalena bay, where the fleet is now safely anchored, has suddenly become a bustling place of importance in the eyes of the world solely because of the presence of the biggest part of the U. S. navy. This is the first change that has come over the place in a half century. Tents have sprung up wherever there is room and for weeks steamers from San Francisco have been bringing delegations of officers, adventurers and spectators. Saloons of every description, and gambling devices calculated to strip the sailors of their money after the long cruise, now dot the townsite. There is but limited space between the mountains and the shore, and the Mexicans have made the harvest of their lives on ground leases.

Years ago the town was the headquarters for the whaling industry of the gulf of California, but this has died out and the population is now devoted to bird hunting for fat plumage. The town normally has less than 1,000 people in it. The bay is 10 miles long and 20 miles wide.



WHERE MAGDALENA BAY IS

MORE SHOOTING IN LOW SALOON RIOT

Day before yesterday an Austrian who shot two men in a saloon brawl was found guilty of plain assault and battery.

Last night a man and wife were shot in bed.

On Front av. a man in company with a woman shot another man.

And in a general fight in an Italian saloon one man was shot and several others stabbed.

Judging by the verdict first mentioned these various shooters brawlers can at least be convicted of assault and battery.

It is certainly time for courts and juries to awake to the seriousness of use of deadly weapons, even where only slight wounds are inflicted.

And it is also high time for the police to put a stop to the senseless practice of nearly everybody carrying a gun.

Four Italians, all more or less cut up, are in jail as the result of a fight last night at Nicholas Zangari's saloon 233 Main av. Joe Mayonea, onlooker, with a bullet hole in his arm is the most seriously injured. The others have knife wounds.

The police cannot make head or tail of the stories told. From other sources it was learned that the Italians were arguing as to wages paid in Butte and Spokane. The liquor they drank was working and soon one drew a knife, then other knives flashed and finally the report of a revolver was heard. The police were called, the riot quelled and the combatants loaded into the patrol and taken to jail. They gave their names as Tony Calverto, Joe Momo, Leon Calverto and Martin Fanez.

RADICAL MOVE FOR NON-PARTISAN JUDGE

EVERETT, March 12.—A movement has been started to remove the judiciary in Snohomish county from politics.

A petition signed by 62 attorneys was presented to Judge W. W. Black, reading that the undersigned attorneys of Snohomish county, believing in a non-partisan judiciary and in the fairness and impartiality of Hon. W. W. Black, the present superior judge for Snohomish county, signified their desire that he be unanimously re-elected to succeed himself.

Judge Black is a democrat and the county is strongly republican.

MOORE AND COTTEILL IN CONTROL

SEATTLE, March 12.—The Moore-Cotterill faction of the local democracy were in control of the democratic county central committee when that committee convened today.

A poll of the members of the committee shows that of the 20 members of the committee, three have left the county, eight are Moore-Cotterill partisans, but four are outspoken adherents of the "safe and sane" faction, one member claims to be neutral and the other four are placed in the doubtful column.

GET CANNON IN ALL ALONE

Edward C. Cannon, N. P. attorney, is in a mixup all alone this afternoon at the Silver Grill executive session of Judge Turner, N. W. Durham, Billy Norman, W. G. Estep, Fred Baldwin, T. D. Twohy and others who are opposed to his grade separation plans.

Their terrible and criminal error was revealed at the first test. The public depended upon its officials, and the officials were found wanting.

In this assurance Spokane has been no exception. Immediately after the Collinwood disaster officials generally were sure that the local schools were as safe as could be made.

But the first investigation, made at the high school, proved this assumption of safety to be false, even though the buildings are proven to be far better equipped than those of probably any other city of the same size in the country. They have been built more recently.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

The championship games of the Indoor Baseball league will begin Friday night between the S. A. A. C. and Cook's teams. Another of the series will be played Sunday morning. If each team wins one game, the third will be played off later.

TO REPEAL ORDINANCE

Councilman Estep at the next council meeting will submit an ordinance repealing the ordinance relating to the solicitation of baggage at depots, which passed Dec. 28, 1887.

GALL "SCHOOL STRIKE" ON UNSAFE BUILDINGS

The Press is not anxious for the distinction of starting it, but there is one means the public can take to compel instant equipment of proper fire protection facilities in all schools.

That method is the old familiar one followed by workmen when they are unable to get what they want by any other means.

It is simply a strike—a school strike against unsafe buildings.

If parents generally should refuse to risk their children's lives in buildings officially inspected and pronounced unsafe in case of fire, authorities everywhere would suddenly develop a pronounced and effective interest in the fire protection question.

The state very properly orders every citizen to give his children the educational advantages afforded by the state, but there is no power on earth strong enough to compel a parent to send his child into a danger that could and should be avoided.

In all the cities of the country school houses have been found unsafe, and the struggle is on to get them remodeled. The fact that anything in the nature of effort to such an end is necessary should call for a united and drastic demand that every possible precaution be immediately complied with.

SHOOTING OVER A WOMAN

Jealousy got the better of F. A. Peterson's judgment late last night when he saw his former sweetheart, Nellie Freeberg, a barber lady, walking along Front near the police station arm in arm with A. B. McCadden, a railroad man.

According to the story told by McCadden and the woman Peterson hit his successful rival and the latter, having a revolver handy, as seems to be the custom now, shot Peterson, inflicting a wound on the arm.

At police headquarters Peterson said she woman shot him. She denied it and McCadden supported her statement with a confession that he did the shooting in self defense.

The woman and her companion were locked up and Peterson was placed under \$100 bond as a guarantee that he will appear and prosecute.

HYPNOTIZED OUT OF \$182,000 DIAMONDS

NEW YORK, March 12.—A remarkable tale of having lost \$182,000 worth of his stock through the alleged hypnotic power of George H. Carpenter, said to be a Princeton graduate, is told by Rudolph A. Freidenbach, millionaire diamond importer.

The story is unfolded in bankruptcy proceedings started by the merchants' attorney against Carpenter to ascertain the whereabouts of the jewels.

Freidenbach declares that Carpenter mesmerized him into believing that he was so strong financially that Freidenbach allowed Carpenter to take the jewels without leaving any cash behind.

KILLED BY FIRE TRUCK

AGED MAN UNABLE TO HEAR GONG IS RUN OVER AT CORNER OF RIVERSIDE AND WASHINGTON.

While making a run to an alarm of fire turned in at the Ideal laundry early last night, the heavy truck from station No. 1 ran down Otto L. Bullis, age 60, on the corner of Riverside and Washington. He died from his injuries at Sacred Heart hospital two hours later. Mr. and Mrs. Bullis and their son, Roy H. Bullis, were together when the elderly man started across the street to mail a letter. He is very deaf and neither heard nor saw the dashing apparatus as it bore down upon him.

Driver Joseph Gump continued on in answer to the fire call. Hundreds of people gathered around the injured man. He was taken to Sacred Heart hospital in the patrol wagon.

Gump was ringing the gong and saw the old man in front of his team but as people often dodge the flying horses he did not try to stop.

The body is at Smith & Co.'s. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

U'REN THROWS HIS STRENGTH TO CAKE

PORTLAND, March 12.—W. S. U'ren, who recently announced his candidacy for the United States senate from Oregon, issued a letter of withdrawal this morning.

In this he pays his respects to certain republican politicians in Oregon who, he declares, will go any length to defeat state ment No. 1 of the referendum. He then says the effective campaign Calkins is making for the statement leaves him no alternative but to withdraw and strengthen Calkins for the principle.

BOOSTERS TO MEET

Anybody who has any notion of joining the 150,000 club, and it's the best organization going for the man with the booster instinct, will be welcome tomorrow evening at the club banquet to be given in Elks' temple. There will be a lunch, something made in Spokane to smoke, good music and enough addresses to show what the club is doing and to make everybody glad to be there.

One of the most important talks will be made by W. S. Gilbert in behalf of the Home of the Friendless, for which the club has undertaken to procure a new building.

HUSBAND AND WIFE SHOT IN HOME AS THEY SLEPT

MR. AND MRS. CHAS. D. CURRY VICTIM OF UNKNOWN ENEMY BUT ESCAPE WITHOUT FATAL WOUNDS — SECOND ATTEMPT.

A desperate and mysterious attempt to murder Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Curry in bed at 61509 Washington st. was made about 2 o'clock this morning by some enemy unknown to either of them. The only other occupant of the bedroom was the little two and a half year old baby, who slept undisturbed throughout the shooting and was only awakened when his wounded and bleeding mother clasped him to her breast and smeared him with her own blood.

Neither of the intended victims was seriously wounded. Mrs. Curry was shot through the right ear and the bullet was embedded somewhere within the head. An X-ray examination will be made today and an operation for the removal of the bullet will then be attempted.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Curry were sound asleep when shot and although the police hold the theory of attempted murder and suicide, there is every evidence that both parties were asleep at the time of the shooting. Mrs. Curry says she was awakened by a sensation as though her head was splitting. She was bewildered at first, but when she came to her senses she found her husband, half sitting up in bed with blood streaming from his wound.

Curry says that he had seemed conscious of the bed clothes being moved down from his face and then he was shot.

The three boys, who are Curry's step-children, and Mrs. Curry's mother, were sleeping in an upstairs bedroom. Ray, aged 18, who was restless on account of a knee which he injured in a fall off a wagon a few days ago, heard the shot and woke his older and younger brothers, Dewey, aged 20, and Charley, aged 12. They ran downstairs and found their parents bleeding in bed. Curry then got up and telephoned to the police.

The patrol wagon with Detectives Macdonald and Thompson aboard, responded and the wounded couple

were taken to Sacred Heart hospital.

Before the police reached the scene, however, Dewey, the oldest boy, found a revolver lying near the stove in the dining room. The rear door of the kitchen was partly open. The weapon was a queer affair with a 45 calibre barrel and a 38 calibre cylinder. The bullet which passed through Mrs. Curry's head was a 38 calibre.

When seen at the hospital, Curry said:

"We have been very careless and have always left all the doors unlocked. I have not an enemy in the world that I know of. I thought the clothes were being pulled off my head and at the same instant I was shot. I did not hear either shot."

Mrs. Curry said: "The first I knew was when my head felt like I had a splitting headache. I rose up and asked Mr. Curry what happened. Then I saw that he was bending over me and blood from his head was streaming down upon me."

About 12 o'clock the Curry family was all awakened by a noise outside, and when the boys investigated it was found that a streetcar had struck a horse and killed it. It was laying near the front door where it had evidently staggered before dying.

Added to the attempted murder theory is the fact that about two years ago, while the Currys were living at E33 Front av., two shots were fired through the front window at Mrs. Curry. Curry himself was away working at Northport at the time. The person who fired the shots was never found.

Curry has made Spokane his home for about six years. He has been married to Mrs. Curry about 12 years. They came here from Pittsburg, Pa. For about four years past he has been employed as car repairer on the Great Northern.

PRIEST MURDERER PLEADS INSANITY

DENVER, March 12.—Giuseppe Aleo, charged anarchist and lunatic, alleged with the murder of Father Francis Leo Heinrichs, will know his fate before tomorrow morning. Today arguments are being heard. They are sharp and pointed.

The defense makes a plain insanity defense and denies any connection with anarchists.