

THE BIRMINGHAM ECONOMY

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Washington

A statement showing the sea strength of the five leading naval powers of the world was announced at the navy department which gives the United States second place among the fighting nations from the standpoint of effective tonnage now in commission. On account of Germany's big building program, however, this country takes third place on prospective tonnage.

Holding that the question at issue is of such vast import as to demand a hearing before the full Supreme court, the United States department of justice today announced that it will file an appeal for a stay of the criminal trial at Chicago.

In a statement given out in New York John D. Rockefeller replied to charges made at Washington by the Merritt brothers before the Stanley Steel investigating committee of the national house of representatives regarding the methods used by Mr. Rockefeller in securing control of the Mesabi ore mines and the Duluth, Missabe & Northern railroad. Mr. Rockefeller pointed out that these charges were denied under oath as long ago as 1895.

The special committee of the United States senate which has been investigating the election of Senator William Lorimer of Illinois ended its hearings in Chicago, Ill. It will take more testimony there.

Navy aviation which operates the hydro-aero planes with which it is expected to equip the American battleship soon will be equipped with new life preservers invented especially for their use.

Domestic

Disturbed by the mental picture of his headless wife and her paramour, who he slew at his home in Kenosha, Wis., on March 27, 72 years old, a merchant, went to a priest and confessed the double crime, which had theretofore been discovered. The avenger of his honor was turned over to the police.

In the capture in Chicago of four Chinamen who had been smuggled across the Mexican border in a baggage car of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad and the killing of one of the "impertors" by the assault of the federal government against the "smuggling trust," which has imported thousands of Chinese laborers into the United States, progressed a long step.

Judge Crover at Lincoln Center, Kan., sentenced E. C. Clark, Jay Edzwald, Watson Scranton and "Ed" Ricard, all of whom had confessed that they were implicated in the carrying of Mary Chamberlain, the school teacher, to one year each in jail. A jury found John Schmidt and Sherrell Clark, two other members of the "party," guilty of assault and battery, and acquitted A. N. Simms.

William J. Cunniff, convicted of stealing \$140,000 from the Carnegie Trust company of New York, which he was formerly president, was sentenced to five years in prison and fined more than four years and eight months, and more than eight years and eight months.

An express package containing \$10,000 was stolen from the office of the Canadian Northern Express company at Regina, Manitoba, during the absence of the clerk.

Three persons were killed and two seriously injured when an inbound train wrecked an automobile at a grade crossing in San Bernardino, Cal.

Fourteen dead and 67 seriously injured was the cost of football during the year of 1911. Four of the dead were the victims of injuries received during the season of 1910, which did not prove fatal until long after the closing of the season.

The national Grange at its annual session at Columbus, Ohio, endorsed the Oregon preferential preference act, a graduated income tax and physical valuation of railroads also were favored. The Aldrich currency plan was denounced.

There were more violations of the federal pure food and drug law in Illinois last year than in any other state in the union, says a report made public by the secretary of agriculture. Twenty-eight Illinois manufacturers and dealers were found guilty.

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A strike will not be called among the 5,000 shomps in the employ of the Rock Island railroad. This was the decision reached by a committee of international brotherhood officers after a conference in Chicago with a general committee of the railroad, which is representing the five crafts involved.

Just before he gave up his life at Richmond, Va., in expiration of the murder of his wife, Henry Clay Beatty, Jr., confessed that he had publicly confessed the confession of Beatty's spiritual advisers after his death. He maintained to the end the remarkable nerve he showed in the first few days after he was accused of killing his wife last July.

Mrs. Gertrude Oberlin, father-in-law on the witness stand at Denver as the first witness in her own behalf and told the jury of her life with Charles A. Patterson, who testified that he shot him and kicked her. She also told of the trip she made to Paris with Emil Strauss, the millionaire Chicago banker. Her testimony followed closely the stories she has related of that incident in her life with Patterson.

The epidemic of hog cholera over Kansas and Missouri is declared by the health department to be the most serious in many years.

Former United States Senator John F. White at Washington, the Prudential Life Insurance company, died at his home in Newark, N. J., following an operation.

Foreign

Archbishops Farley, O'Connell and Patrick of the United States and other ecclesiastics were made cardinals of the Catholic church by the pope in a public consistory at the Vatican.

The Italian army at Tripoli gained a complete victory in an effort to drive the Arabs out of the oasis and force the Turkish garrisons to evacuate. The fighting, which lasted all day, terminated at nightfall by the Turks retiring from all their positions.

There was a fierce bombardment of Nanking, China, all day from the Ming tombs gates by 4,000 rebels. The three-day gunnery, which was opposed by the loyalists with four six-inch guns on the walls and 14 three-inch guns on the roof, resulted in the rebels losing 2,000.

Thirty-one workers were killed and upward of 100 injured by a boiler explosion at the oil cake mills of J. B. Byrd & Sons in Liverpool, Eng. The roof of the great mill was blown off while the walls split and crumpled.

Fifty-four of the crew of a ship perished when the cargo ship destroyed Harasama founder of Shima province in a storm. All the officers of the destroyed went to their death while endeavoring to save the men.

The announcement that King George had dismissed Rev. Frederick Percival Harris, his domestic chaplain, and an honorary chaplain to Queen Alexandra, was followed by the news that the clergyman had absconded and that his arrest was being sought for his arrest, were hunting him down.

Unrepentant suffragettes to the number of 22 appeared at the Bow street police court to answer for their acts of violence in their assault on the British house of commons. Some were sentenced to three or alternative terms of imprisonment, varying from a fortnight to a month. The women in a number of cases were fined instead of a fine.

A passenger train plunged through a bridge on the railway at Montfauille-Bally, France, and sank in the Thout river. Estimates place the number of victims at thirty.

General Tejera, the assassin of President Caceres of San Domingo, was captured and put to death, and General Pimentel, an assassin of the same party, was sentenced to a term of imprisonment, and acquitted A. N. Simms.

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