

STRUCK MINE IN HARBOR

Japanese Surround Russian Torpedo Boat and Sink Her.

RUSSIAN FLEET AGAIN HIT.

Two More Ships of the Czar's Squadron at Port Arthur Put Out of Commission.

It was officially announced in St. Petersburg that the torpedo boat destroyer Beztrashni was cut off from the rest of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur and sunk by the Japanese, that her crew of 45 officers and men was lost, and that the battleship Pobieda accidentally struck a mine while maneuvering, but was able to return to the harbor without loss of life.

Following the issuance of the official bulletin came a message from Rear Admiral Prince Oukhtomsky, saying that the Beztrashni had been sent out during the night to reconnoiter and became separated from the rest of the fleet owing to the bad weather. The boat was surrounded by Japanese torpedo boat destroyers and was sunk in the fight. Five men were saved.

Admiral Oukhtomsky adds: "During some maneuvering of the battleship squadron the Pobieda struck against a mine amidships on the starboard side. She was able to regain port by herself. No one on board of her was killed or wounded."

The Pobieda is a battleship of 12,674 tons displacement and of 14,600 horse power. She is 401 1/2 feet long, 71 1/2 feet beam and draws 26 feet of water and is heavily armored with steel. She was completed in 1901, has a complement of 732 men and her estimated speed is 18 knots. The steel armor of the battleship varies in thickness from 4 to 9 1/2 inches along her belt. The armament of the Pobieda consists of four 10-inch guns, 11 6-inch guns, 16 3-inch guns, 10 1.8-inch guns and 17 1.4-inch guns. She has six torpedo tubes.

Skyrdloff Succeeds Makaroff.
The Emperor's choice of a successor to the late Vice Admiral Makaroff as commander-in-chief of the Russian naval forces in the Far East has fallen upon Vice Admiral Skyrdloff, whom he appointed, telegraphing to him to go direct from Sebastopol, where he is in command of the Black sea fleet, to Port Arthur and assume the command there. Next to Vice Admiral Makaroff Vice Admiral Skyrdloff is the most popular man of this generation in the Russian navy. He is considered a very able sailor and strategist, but the tools at his disposal will be few in comparison with those in the hands of the enemy and it is feared he will be unable to accomplish much.

JAPS CLAIM CREDIT.

Claim That Mines Were Laid During Demonstrations.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Echo De Paris" sends the following: "I learn that firm opinion prevails in naval circles, based on telegrams from the surviving officers, that the loss of the Petropavlovsk and the injuries to the Pobieda were caused by the Japanese and by submarine vessels. Hitherto it has not been believed that the Japanese had any submarine boats, but it is now admitted that such boats might have been received with the cruisers bought from Argentine and brought out from Genoa by British crews. It is difficult to verify this, but the admiralty is of the opinion that the cruisers brought out two submarine vessels."

Rumors are current in St. Petersburg that Vice Admiral Togo sent in a number of steamers on the night of March 31 and succeeded in sinking several of them and in blocking the channel of Port Arthur. The rumors cannot be confirmed at this hour.

The date referred to by the correspondent in the above dispatch, March 31, is probably according to the old style calendar, by which the event would have taken place on April 13, according to the new style calendar.

The London Daily Mail's Chee Foo correspondent declares that advices from both Russian and Japanese sources indicate that the battleship Petropavlovsk was torpedoed. By a pretense of an attack on the harbor by the enemy Admiral Makaroff, says the correspondent was enticed outside for the Japanese torpedo boats, which crept behind him and awaited his return and dealt the blow as he was nearing the harbor on the return.

GLASS PRICES RAISED.

Manufacturers of Window Material Will Close Short June 1.

About 75 per cent of the window glass manufacturers of the United States were in session at the Burnett House Cincinnati, discussing plans for a permanent organization. A committee was appointed to devise ways and means to bring about this result. It was stated that both the jobbers and manufacturers would join hands in the movement and that they will have the assistance of the glassworkers.

As an oversupply is assigned as the cause of the depression, it was decided to increase the price of glass 15 per cent within the next three months and to shut down the shops on June 1 next. Another meeting will be held at Chicago or Pittsburg on May 1.

Korean Palace Burned.

A cable report says that the Imperial palace at Seoul, Korea, was completely destroyed by fire. The fire began in the evening and lasted throughout the night. Only the ruins of the palace remain. The Emperor and his suite succeeded in escaping. The report does not mention any loss of life, nor does it give the cause of the fire, but the recent political unrest in the Korean capital leads to fears that the destruction of the palace was the work of the rebellious element.

NO LET-UP AT PORT ARTHUR.

Togo's Fleet Renew Attack and Bombard Fortress.

The Japanese are allowing no let-up at Port Arthur. Closely following up their successes on the sea, the fortifications were bombarded on the 15th from 9:15 in the morning until 1 p. m. The Japanese fleet was in two divisions and bombarded the fortress and the town alternately from the Liao Tshin promontory. In all 185 projectiles were fired.

The fire of the Japanese fleet was answered by the Russian squadron, including the battleship Pobieda from her anchorage, with a plunging fire. The batteries also replied.

The losses on land were seven Chinese killed and five soldiers and three Chinese wounded. No serious damage was sustained by either the fortifications or the fleet.

In the reports of the naval conflict on Wednesday, several mistakes have come to light and were corrected since, but there are many details of the conflict and the loss of Russian arms that are still unknown.

The magnitude of some of these errors doubtless due to the excitement and horror at Port Arthur, may be approximated by the fact that the correct name of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer sunk by the Japanese Wednesday is not the Beztrashni, as was officially reported, but the Itrashni. The Beztrashni is still safe.

The condition of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur can best be realized when it is known that now there are in the harbor only two undamaged battleships—the Peresviet and the Sevastopol. Some of the vessels damaged by the Japanese have been repaired, though their exact number and condition are not known.

FORTUNE IN A POT.

Legacy of Old Merchant Found Buried in Cellar.

Two orphan girls in Canton Berne, Switzerland, will receive \$2,700 as a result of the honesty of Wesley Zaugg, of Wooster, O. Abraham Furl, an old merchant who died a few days ago, directed in his will that after a number of bequests were paid the balance of the property should go to his nieces, in Switzerland. Only a few hundred dollars were found.

When Zaugg opened the envelope which held the will a small piece of paper dropped out. The writing was in German and told where a pot of gold was buried in the cellar of Furl's residence. Zaugg went to the cellar and dug up a pot containing the sum in gold coins. The pieces all bore dates up to 1881.

CLEARED OF CHARGES.

Congressional Committee Declares Dietrich to Be Not Guilty.

United States Senator Dietrich, of Nebraska, has been declared by a special committee of Congress to be not guilty of any violation of the statutes of the United States or any corrupt or unworthy conduct relating either to the appointment of Jacob Fisher as postmaster at Hastings, Neb., or the leasing of the building in that city to the United States for a postoffice.

The committee which investigated the charges against Senator Dietrich was composed of Senators Hoar, Platt, of Connecticut, Spooner, Cockerell and Pettus. Three members of the committee are Republicans and two Democrats. The report is unanimous. The report reviews the testimony and the conclusion is reached that the charges cannot be sustained.

GREAT RACING YEAR.

Statistics Show that 1903 Was the Greatest in History.

The New York state racing commission composed of August Belmont, E. D. Morgan and John Sanford, has submitted its eighth annual report to the legislature of the state of New York. It is pointed out in this report that the year 1903 in racing exceeded in prosperity all previous years. The public patronage of race tracks exceeded that of 1902 by \$613,115. Last year there was paid out to owners of horses in this state \$2,165,487, which is \$316,598 more than was distributed in premiums in 1902.

In all, continues the report in this state last year there were 1,222 races, and in them 1,572 different horses participated. There were 59 great stakes in excess of \$5,000 value each to the winner; 100 in excess of \$2,000, and 105 events in excess of \$1,000.

Split in New Jersey.

At Trenton, N. J., a practically harmonious State Democratic convention of more than 1,200 delegates which selected an unopposed delegation to the National convention was followed by a bolting convention of the supporters of William Randolph Hearst for President. The bolters numbered about 100 men who claimed they had been illegally deprived of seats in the regular convention.

Iroquois Theater Sold.

The Iroquois Theater, in which nearly 600 lives were lost in the fire last December, has been sold to Rich and Harris of New York and Boston. The playhouse will be reconstructed, refurbished and opened early next fall as a vaudeville theater under another name.

The fast young man isn't always the one who gets there.

Fatal Mine Explosion.

Guini Bellino is dead and three men are badly injured as the result of an explosion caused by fire damp in the Nixon coal mine on the Panhandle railroad at Heidelberg, near Carnegie, Pa. The injured are Joseph McAvoy, Peter Baronsky and Gionola Dominic.

Great Painter Perished.

The admiralty has received official information that Vassili Verestchagin, the celebrated painter of battle scenes, was among those lost by the sinking of the Petropavlovsk.

WILD PANIC IN CHURCH

Dynamite Explosion Under Meeting House Injures Many.

WOMEN ARE TRAMPLED UPON.

New Sect Subjected to Outrage, Thought to Be a Result of Their Religious Feeling.

A dastardly attempt to wreck the Church of the Evening Lights at Blackburg, a small mining town in Pike County, Indiana, was made Friday night, a large charge of dynamite being exploded under it and some 25 persons being more or less badly injured in the panic which followed the explosion. The house was crowded with worshippers when the explosion occurred, many of them children.

The Evening Lights, a sect which came to Pike county from Kentucky several years ago, have been holding night meetings for a week or 10 days and have been making some converts among the people. They believe in living simple lives and eat only the plainest of food and wear no jewelry, believing it a sin. They take the Bible in its literal sense and have no other ritual. The congregation at Blackburg has been increasing steadily and much prejudice existed against the sect and threats have been openly made against them, and a few days ago they appealed to the county authorities at Petersburg for protection, but no attention was paid to the request.

The congregation had assembled and was engaged in singing, when there was a terrific explosion, the front end of the building was lifted up and fell back on the foundation.

An examination of the building shows that the explosion took place immediately under the front part of the church, where the dynamite was placed, by taking out some of the bricks from the foundation. It is supposed to have been set off with a fuse which was so timed as to cause the explosion after the congregation had assembled. It is thought that dynamite was placed under the church by parties who oppose the Evening Lights on account of the inroads they are making on the membership of other churches.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

Japs Attempt to Land Forces Near Port Arthur in Vain.

It is reported from a credible source that the Japanese have succeeded in landing a force near Port Arthur, which was repulsed with heavy loss.

Dispatches to the London Chronicle from Shang-Hai-Kwan, say a steamer which arrived at Nishwang from Chefoo sighted a Japanese fleet of 26 vessels conveying a hundred transports north of Port Arthur steaming north. It is rumored their destination is Kai Chau.

Rumors are current that 20 Japanese transports conveying troops have been sighted steaming in the direction of Yinkow. The rumors cannot be confirmed. The Russians impatiently await a Japanese landing.

A dispatch from Port Arthur says several eye-witnesses assert that a Japanese cruiser was lost outside Port Arthur April 12 by striking one of its own floating mines.

According to reports of spies, the Japanese troops in Korea have been ravaged by various diseases. One of these diseases called "imbion" is a kind of intermittent typhus. Another, called "souda" which has not yet been studied by European doctors, produces premature senility. The patients lose their teeth, become extremely weak and the nails are twisted back on the fingers. Dysentery is very prevalent among the Russians at Harbin.

Life Lost in Fire.

While the Indianapolis city fire department, reinforced by companies from the suburbs, was being taxed to the utmost fighting a fire in the Occidental hotel Sunday morning an alarm was turned in from St. Vincent's hospital. When the first fire company arrived one life had been lost and several were seriously injured in the panic that followed.

HARWICK MINE VERDICT.

Coroner's Jury Places Blame on Inspector and Superintendent.

"After deliberating five hours, Saturday, the jury in the Harwick mine inquest returned a verdict in which it found that the explosion had been caused by a blow-out shot, and it was set forth that there had been insufficient ventilation on account of the accident being of ice at the bottom of the shaft; that negligence had been shown on the part of Mine Foreman George Brown and Fire Boss Joseph Gordon, and that there had been violation of the mining law by Mine Inspector F. W. Cunningham and the mine superintendent, George Sowden. The Allegheny Coal Company was censured and the holding of Cunningham and Sowden for the Grand Jury on the charge of murder was recommended.

Commitments were at once made out by Coroner Jesse M. McGeary for Inspector Cunningham and Supt. Sowden, and deputies were sent out to find them and place them under arrest.

David Rothschild, until recently president of the wrecked Federal bank, of New York city, was arrested here and taken to police headquarters.

Accident on the Boston.

Secretary Moody's attention was called to the fact that a serious accident had occurred to the Boston, while she was engaged in target practice off Panama two months ago, resulting in the death of one enlisted man. It was stated that this is the first the Secretary had heard of the accident, officially or unofficially. The seaman killed was named Kain and the accident occurred about the middle of last February.

SPANISH OFFICIAL STABBED.

Prime Minister, Attacked on Street by Young Anarchist.

An attempt was made to assassinate Senor Maura, the prime minister of Spain. He was returning from the palace from attending the funeral services at the cathedral for the late Queen Isabella. As he was passing in front of the Merced church, a young man, probably 25 years old, leaped on the carriage step and attempted to stab him, but slipped in the act. Senor Maura continued on his way apparently unhurt. The assassin was immediately seized by the police.

A report of the attack on Premier Maura was issued, according to which the assailant held concealed a kitchen knife, with which he stabbed the premier, but the force of the blow was broken and its direction diverted by the heavy lace on the minister's coat, resulting in only a slight scratch under the sixth rib.

Joaquin Miguel Artao, the assailant, was employed as a domestic. He is an anarchist and when arrested attempted suicide by dashing his head against the wall. According to another account the premier coolly drew the knife from his clothing and threw it on a seat in his carriage, after which he entered the palace and telephoned to Minister of the Interior Guerra at Madrid, saying: "I have been stabbed. Don't be alarmed. The wound is not serious."

FEAT OF U. S. FLOTILLA.

Torpedo Fleet Reaches Manila After Cruise of Nearly 15,000 Miles.

The secretary of the navy was informed by cable of the arrival at Cavite of the first torpedo flotilla, consisting of the torpedo boat-destroyers Decatur, Bainbridge, Dale, Barry and Chauncey, under convoy of the cruiser Buaflo, concluding a cruise of nearly 15,000 miles. This cruise covered a period of four months and extended over half way around the globe, which is the longest run ever made by vessels of this type. The flotilla started from Hampton Roads for the Philippine Islands on December 12 last and made the trip without accident.

This successful trip has demonstrated that torpedo boats are capable of long sea voyages under their own steam, a feat that formerly was considered impossible. These small vessels were sent to the Philippines to serve as the coast defense squadron of the islands.

Anarchist Blown to Pieces.

An anarchist named Kazanoff, stopping at the Hotel DuNord, on the Euvsky prospect, St. Petersburg, concealed an infernal machine in his trunk. It prematurely exploded, Kazanoff was blown to pieces, the ceiling and windows of his room were smashed, several persons were injured and fire broke out in the hotel. Engines extinguished the flames.

No Wireless Permitted.

The Russian government has given notice that newspaper correspondents using wireless telegraphy will be treated as spies and shot. This notice was served on the state department at Washington by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, and it is understood that similar communications were made to all foreign offices.

Zionists to Settle in Africa.

A private telegram received by a leading Zionist of London from an English member of Zionist action committee at Vienna, says: "Everything arranged satisfactorily." This refers to the question of a Zionist settlement in Uganda, East Africa.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

It is thought not unlikely that Congress will adjourn April 20.

In Fairmont, W. Va., the police have found that children started fires that alarmed the city.

George Martin Goss, 86 years old, committed suicide at Cumberland, Md., by cutting his throat.

The Spanish court will go into mourning a year for the late ex-Queen Isabella.

It is said several engineering difficulties have been encountered in the attempt to reclaim arid lands in Montana.

The manufacture of paper from cotton stalks, it is said, is being successfully carried on in the South.

Col. William Alexander Turk, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Railway, is dead of pneumonia, aged 53 years.

Bandits held up the mail stage running between Holt and Big Fork, Mont., and took the mail and other valuables.

Howard E. Heinbaugh, a Baltimore and Ohio railroad brakeman, was killed at McKim's, near Ellwood City, Pa. His home was at Oakland, Md.

James Ryan, William Stoughton and John Roe were arrested at Youngstown, O., charged with holding up Inspector Phillips and others on a Sharp street car.

Replying to papers filed by Attorney General Knox Federal Judge Wing, of Ohio, says he refused to hold alleged Chinamen for deportation because their nationality was not positively proved.

The gates of the World's fair were open Sunday for the last time. Not until after the exposition is over, in December, will the public be allowed to pass its portals on the Sabbath. Over 25,000 persons visited the grounds.

Governor Herrick, of Ohio, granted a reprieve to Charles Stimmel, who was to be electrocuted April 19 for the murder of Joseph W. Shide at Dayton. Stimmel was denied a new trial and the reprieve was allowed to appeal to the Supreme Court.

The trustees of Thiel College decided to appeal from the decision of Judge Miller, making permanent the injunction against the removal of the institution from Greenville to Greensburg, Pa. W. A. Griffith of Pittsburg, counsel for the board left for Philadelphia to arrange for the hearing.

RUSSIAN FLAGSHIP IS SUNK

Blown Up While Moving out to Fight the the Japanese.

ADMIRAL MAKAROFF PERISHED.

Frightful Loss of Life Attributed to Fact That All Were at Their Stations.

The heaviest blow yet struck at Russia in her war with Japan was delivered at Port Arthur Wednesday. The first-class battleship Petropavlovsk, while returning with the other ships of the fleet to the harbor after having put out to sea to meet the enemy's squadron, accidentally struck a floating mine, and was blown up and Vice Admiral Makaroff and from 600 to 800 men perished.

The following official dispatch was received by the Czar from Rear Admiral Grigorovitch, the commandant at Port Arthur:

"The battleship Petropavlovsk struck a mine which blew her up, and she turned turtle. Our squadron was under Golden Hill. The Japanese squadron was approaching. Vice Admiral Makaroff was lost. Grand Duke Cyril was saved. He is slightly injured. Capt. Jakovlev was saved, although severely injured, as were five officers and 32 men, all more or less injured. Rear Admiral Prince Oukhtomsky has assumed command of the fleet."

The following dispatch to the Czar has been received from Viceroy Alexieff:

"A telegram has just been received from Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, commander of the military forces at Port Arthur. I regret to report to your majesty that the Pacific fleet has suffered irreparable loss by the death of its brave and capable commander, who was lost together with the Petropavlovsk."

Another dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff to the Czar says: "According to reports from the commandant at Port Arthur the battleship and cruisers went out to meet the enemy, but in consequence of the enemy receiving reinforcements, making his total strength 30 vessels, our squadron returned to the roadstead, whereupon the Petropavlovsk touched a mine resulting in her destruction. Grand Duke Cyril, who was on board, was saved. He was slightly injured. The whole squadron then re-entered port. The Japanese are now off Cape Liaoshan. No reports had been received from the acting commander of the fleet up to the time this dispatch was sent."

HOME WRECKED.

Natural Gas Explosion Imperiled Several Lives.

Two people were burned, one probably fatally, and the lives of several other persons, including a small boy suffering with scarlet fever, were imperiled by an explosion of natural gas which almost demolished the two-story and attic brick dwelling at 75 Magee street, Pittsburg.

The explosion occurred when Benny Drob lighted a match in a room on the first floor, in which he had been repairing gas fixtures. The concussion blew out the front walls in the second and third stories and the furniture was smashed and blown into the street. The rear wall on the third floor and the furniture in the room were blown into the yard back of the house. Mrs. Adler and her son Philip were thrown violently to the floor by the explosion, but escaped unhurt.

CROP REPORT.

Condition of Winter Wheat Falls Far Below Last Year.

The monthly report of the chief of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture will show the average condition of winter wheat on April 1 to have been 76.5, against 97.3 on April 1, 1903, 78.7 at the corresponding date in 1902, and 84.1, the mean of the April averages of the last 10 years. The following shows the averages of condition on April 1, the corresponding averages one and two years ago, and the mean of the corresponding averages of the last 10 years: Ohio, 66, 97, 77, 78, Pennsylvania, 74, 100, 82, 87.

The average condition of winter rye on April 1 was 82.3, against 97.9 on April 1, 1903, 85.4 at the corresponding date in 1902, and 89.1, the mean of the April averages of the last 10 years.

THREE PERSONS KILLED.

Struck by Train While Returning From Church.

George Clauser, aged 40; Edith M. Metzler, aged 15, and Stella Knauss, aged 17, were struck and instantly killed by a Reading railway passenger train near their home near Macungie, Pa. Miss Metzler's sister Annie saved her life by jumping aside.

The party had attended evening church service in Macungie, and were taking a short cut home by walking on the railroad track. The noise of a passing freight train prevented them hearing the approaching passenger train.

Minister Powell, at Santo Domingo, notified the Government there that he expected a settlement May 1 of the money due on account of the claims of Americans.

Siam Wants Railway Material. Hamilton King, United States Minister to Siam, is forwarding to the State Department tenders and specifications for rolling stock for Siamese state railways covering an order for 87 cars and many brakes and wheels. It is expected this order will be followed soon by a large one for locomotives and iron bridges. It is due to the efforts of the American Minister that the principle of open bids has been established in Siam.

ENTIRE TURRET CREW KILLED.

Surgeons From Three Warships Quickly Attended the Wounded Men. Prompt Work Saves Ship.

By the explosion of 2,000 pounds of powder in the after 12-inch turret and the handling room of the battleship Missouri, Capt. William S. Cowles, commanding 29 men were instantly killed and 5 injured, of whom 2 will die. The Missouri was on the target practice off the Florida coast when a charge of powder in the 12-inch left-hand gun ignited from gases, exploded, and dropping below, ignited four charges of powder in the handling room, and all exploded.

The Dead.

Lieut. W. C. Davidson, in charge of the 12-inch turret; Lieut. E. A. Welchert of the cruiser Cleveland, gun umpire; Midshipman W. T. Neumann, Lieut. J. P. V. Griddle, U. S. M. C., Lieut. Thomas Ward, Jr., Division Officer; K. Pederson, W. Bougard, boatswain's mate, second class, J. Bloxaputan, ordinary seaman; Charles Rice, coxswain; J. C. Hardy, seaman; K. J. Kivlin, apprentice, second class; J. Galris, seaman; N. Scherbaum, ordinary seaman; H. B. Franks, electrician, second class; J. P. Starr, coxswain; J. C. Nunn, ordinary seaman; K. Soder, seaman; C. E. Meyer, seaman; P. R. Castler, ordinary seaman; R. H. Allison, apprentice, second class; R. C. Tobin, ordinary seaman; J. W. Mulligan, ordinary seaman; J. W. Cole, landsman; A. Smith, ordnance sergeant; W. S. Shipman, gunner's mate, first class; J. P. J. Brown, private marine; J. F. Kennedy, chief gunner's mate; J. M. Roach, ordinary seaman; Frank T. Rowlands, electrician, second class.

The Injured.

J. E. Knight, seaman, may recover; J. T. Donnelly, ordinary seaman, dying; R. S. Starr, seaman, will recover; F. C. Schaub, apprentice, second class, will recover; O. B. Moe, apprentice, second class, dying.

But for the prompt and efficient work of Capt. Cowles in flooding the handling room and magazine with water, one of the magazines would have exploded, and the ship would have been destroyed.

RIVAL STOPPED WEDDING.

Later Groom Shoots Girl Dead and Kills Himself.

At Batavia, N. Y., Clyde Ore, 35 years old, of Wisconsin, shot and killed Addie Blossom, 23 years of age, and then killed himself on the street near the girl's home. Ore without a word drew a revolver and fired. He then drank carbolic acid and sent a bullet into his brain.

Ore and the girl were to have been married two weeks ago. On that day a rival appeared who claimed the girl was engaged to him. There was a disturbance at the Blossom house and the girl's parents begged her to refrain from marrying Ore, and the rival refused to perform the ceremony.

Ore was believed to have gone to his home in Wisconsin, but he returned Tuesday. In his pocket was a letter from Addie Blossom in which she said she wanted to hear from him.

WOULD HANG EX-GOV. TAYLOR.

Gov. Davis, of Arkansas, Refuses to Ask Pardon for Powers.

Gov. Jefferson Davis, of Arkansas, has refused the request of the committee of Chicago clergymen who asked him and other Governors to use influence with Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, to obtain a new trial for Caleb Powers.

Powers was twice convicted of complicity in the assassination of Governor Goebel. Although the second trial resulted the same as the first, the clergymen contend that Powers had not had a fair trial and that his conviction was due to political feeling.

Governor Davis told the clergymen that not only Powers, but ex-Gov. W. S. Taylor, should be hanged. Taylor fled to Indiana to escape trial and that State has refused to extradite him to Kentucky.

A barn and two sheds of John Highbaugh, near Morgantown, W. Va., were destroyed by fire, causing a loss of about \$3,000, with no insurance.

New York Bank Fails.

The Federal bank, a state institution of New York City, was closed and officials of the state banking department are in charge. David Beckham was president of the institution until a few weeks ago, when he resigned after a fire of criticism from the newspapers. The bank's capital is \$250,000. According to a recent statement, it owes its depositors \$486,000.

WANTS BRYAN REMOVED.

Mrs. Bennett Says He is Using Estate for Expenses.

Counsel for Mrs. Grace Imogene Bennett appeared before Probate Judge Cleveland at New Haven with a petition that William Jennings Bryan be removed as the executor of the estate of the late Philo S. Bennett, the chief allegation being that he is dissipating the funds of the estate in his legal actions in attempting to secure the probating of the "sealed letter" as a part of the will.

The "sealed letter" gives Mr. Bryan \$50,000. The court will set a date for a hearing.

Clarksburg Bank to Reopen.

The Comptroller of the Currency authorized the Traders National bank of Clarksburg, W. Va., to reopen for business. This bank suspended February 2, 1904. The board of directors has been reorganized and increased and the stockholders have authorized an increase in the capital of the bank to \$200,000, which increase has been paid in full. The comptroller states that the bank is now in a perfectly solvent condition.