

SHOWS VALUE OF LIVESTOCK

State Auditor Prepares Tabulation Telling What His Counties Have.

Further tabulations have been made by the state auditor's office, the returns made by the state tax commission in equalizing the value of property in the various counties as a basis for the apportionment of the tax for 1914.

On all the counties in the state the total number of head of common cattle is 777,379. Of these, Blaine county has but 100 head. The leaders are Owyhee, 13,876; Lemhi, 11,562; Custer, 10,387; Idaho, 10,376; Cassia, 10,288; Twin Falls, 10,245; Blaine, 10,017; Ada has but 3,495 head, and Canyon, 4,632. The reported valuation for the state was \$5,288,578, with an average value per head of \$32.72. The highest average valuation per head was in Owyhee county, \$34.88; in Ada it was \$31.80; Washington was \$22.46. The tax commission has made increases in 11 counties amounting to \$165,238, raising the average value per head to \$30.67.

Canyon county was the leader in milk cows as to number, but as to average ranked second to Ada. There are 53,150 head in the state and they are valued at \$2,776,604. Blaine has the largest number of 452.83. The commission raised this average to \$18.27. Of the total, Canyon county contributed 4,326. Blaine has 3,285; Twin Falls, 3,455; Latah, 3,320. Ada county's heads are assessed at \$19,020; Canyon's at \$26,485. An increase in the assessment of the two counties was recommended.

Bannock county heads with graded horses. This county contains 3,199 of the total of 53,319 head in the state. The total valuation of the entire number within the state is \$1,975,532 and the average value is \$62.28. Among the other leading counties are Blaine with 3,427 head, Latah with 3,092, Nez Perce, 2,970. The most value attached to such animals is in Bonanza, where the average has been \$119.07, as his average. Four increases were advised, enough to bring the average price to \$58.49. Ada has 4,971 head, valued at \$165,000, on an average of \$91.07 per head.

Twin Falls county takes the lead in the item of 7800 horses—total of a total of 64,471 for the state. This county has 5,431. Canyon is a close second with 5,221, then comes Idaho with 4,804, Washington with 3,460, and Blaine with 3,188. Ada county's heads are valued at \$1,975,532 upon an average value per head of \$119.07.

In eight counties there are no mules. At least none were found by the assessors. There are 3,122 head in the state. They are valued at \$248,029 and the average is \$79.43 per head. The commission made no increase of 10 cents in this. Canyon county again comes to the front with

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the largest number of these animals, 255; Twin Falls has 208 and two or three others run over the 200 mark. Ada has 156 head, worth \$127,500, with an average valuation per head of \$81.92. Canyon's stock is worth 127,670; Twin Falls, \$24,565.

Owyhee county has nearly one-fourth of all the sheep in the state, 119,769 head. The total for all coun-

ties is 492,581. The valuation for the state returned by the assessors is \$1,731,902.50, and the average value per head was fixed at \$3.51. A raise of one cent was suggested by the commission. Next in this leader comes Fremont in numbers with 70,131. Blaine has 29,215, Custer 35,522, Ada has 3,721 and Canyon 2,261. The Ada county valuation is \$2,736 per head, total of \$14,753,505; Canyon at \$17,111,016.

Idaho county ranks first with number of hogs. A total of 11,292 is reported by that county. None of the others come within much more than half that number. The total number in the state is 112,521 and the valuation \$19,878,225 upon an average per head of \$6.66. Owyhee county is well among the leaders with 5,919, valued an average of \$6.98 per head, or \$42,048.22. Canyon has 4,825 head, worth \$59,122, at \$8.75 per head.

Ada county leads in the value of the merchandise returned. In this county there is a \$1,332,768 worth of goods, far exceeding any other county. The total for the state is \$7,598,010.

tion being put, the same was declared carried unanimously. Moved by Hropka, second by Jackson, that in the matter of the claim of the Southern Idaho Investment Company, for damages growing out of changing line of Deep Creek, over flowing of Deep Creek, moving dirt and other matters, that the Company without admitting liability for any thing whatever and as a compromise pay to said company \$500.00 in full settlement of said claims and all other claims of damage or otherwise, to date, proper releases to be approved by the Secretary and Attorney. On the question being put, the same was declared carried by unanimous vote. Moved by Hropka, second by Jackson, that the Secretary be authorized

to transfer from the Certificate of Deposit Account to the Checking Account, the following amount, to-wit: \$14,250.00, on account of estimate of Jackson Lake Reservoir Construction, and \$4,500.00, on account of annual bond interest, the withdrawal to be apportioned among the various banks carrying the bond deposits. Upon the motion being put, the same was declared carried by unanimous vote. Moved by Jackson, second Taylor, that there is hereby levied against the Twin Falls Waterworks company, the sum of \$500.00, as an assessment or toll for the use of water from this Company's canal, from April 1st, 1914, to November 1st, 1914. On the motion

being put, the same was declared carried unanimously. (Continued on Page 3) Why They Rent? 40 acres 3-4 mile north Prater, 2 sides fenced, good light, 10 acres alfalfa, \$50.00 cash, P. B. Murphy, Piler, Idaho. Sept 25. 14. For wheat and oat land to be sold, consolidated Wagon and Machine company. Sept. 8-11-16-18-22-25-29 Oct. 1. To Independent Apple Gravel We buy apples, and also sell fine class apple boxes at right prices. L. A. Cole, Produce & Refrigerating Co. Twin Falls, Idaho. Sept. 27. 14.

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Synopsis of Previous Episode: Stanley Harrizate, millionaire, the number of the "Black Hundred" is bandolier by the lead, \$1,000,000 mysteriously disappears from Harrizate's safe. The "Black Hundred" determined to get it. Feeling that W. and Wargrave having the Countess Olsen, and Norton, they try to capture Florence but are foiled. They raid a warehouse, but Norton tricks them and all are captured except Braine. Florence is taken to a flat, but through Wargrave's Jones is seen following a treasure box from his hiding place—a brilliant jewel chest—across the top of the box lying on the bottom of the sea. The conspirators, five, were in an old motorboat when it was in the nick of time. A man single-handed, frees her from the clutches of the "Black Hundred" and drives their auto over the river bank. Several parties tried to kill Norton fall. The Countess treacherously causes the destruction of Florence and Norton. Florence is cunningly abducted and taken aboard an ocean liner, but far out at sea she leaps overboard, is rescued by fishermen and taken to their home. Norton is successful. Braine captures Florence. Florence is held captive, and together they carefully escape. The "Black Hundred" from Wagon and Machine Co. a terrible wreck happens. Again there is a capture. Norton, trying to free her, is killed and tied to a railroad track but is saved just as the last express thunders down the line.

EPISODE NO. 12—THE LOST TREASURE BOX—The treasure box is raised by the anchor of a tramp steamer. A sailor spies it—secretly gets it. Arriving at the Bahamas tries to steal away but fleeds and the box falls into the sea. Jones has a mysterious call. They are spied on by Braine and Olsen. Braine, excited at the identity of the person levels his revolver. Florence fires and Braine, shot in the wrist, rushes wildly away. Vron learns about the treasure box and recovers it from the sea. At a meeting of the "Black Hundred"—just as the box is about to be smashed open, the lights go out—panel enters. The lights are turned on—the box is gone and with it three members. Who are they? Again the box is shown but mysterious band appears—the treasure chest sinks in view!

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CHANGE PLANS TO COMBAT SEEPAGE

Minutes of Board of Directors of Twin Falls Canal Co.

VOTE \$100,000 TO ATTEMPT SOLUTION BY SINKING WELLS.

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July 16th, 1914. Board met in regular session, all members being present.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Moved by Cron, seconded by Jackson, that permission be granted to transfer the water right from SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 11, Twp. 58, R. 15, E. R. M. to SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 1, Twp. 58, R. 13, E. R. M., subject to the approval of Company's attorney.

Moved by Cron, seconded by Taylor, that settlement be made with the Twin Falls North Side Land & Water company and the Twin Falls North Side Canal company according to accounts rendered in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars to be paid by them to this corporation, said settlement to include all items of the statement of the Twin Falls North Side Land & Water company and the Twin Falls North Side Canal company to date and of the Twin Falls Canal company to January 21st 1914 in account of maintenance of the Millers Dam. On the question being put the same was declared carried by unanimous vote.

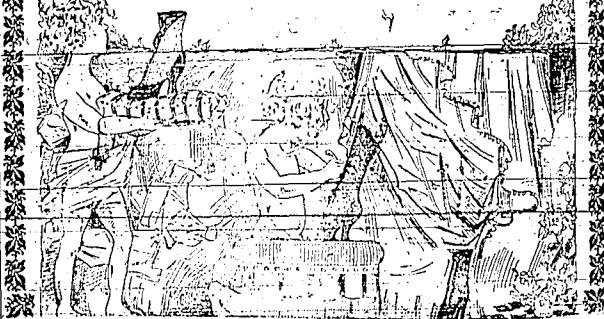
Moved by Cron, second Jackson, that E. C. Hauer be paid \$200.00 in settlement of damages caused by the killing of a buller by a blast. On the

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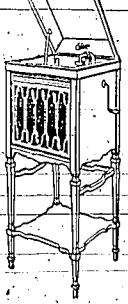


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SOCIETY NOTES

Society items for this column will be gladly received by The Times.

The Monday 500 club will meet at the home of Mrs. Bolter next week.

Mrs. Spielberg will be hostess to the Fortnightly Bridge club next Tuesday afternoon.

The regular dance of the Younger Set will be held this evening in the Masonic hall.

The Socialists gave a very enjoyable dance last Friday night. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Wednesday the Cozy Five Hundred for high acre was won by Mrs. Cox. The club will meet with Mrs. Hiker next week.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met last Thursday with Mrs. Houghton. They were conducting their quarterly devotion at the street corner. The society will meet this afternoon in business session.

Mrs. E. H. Adams was the hostess to the Cozy 500 club Wednesday of this week. The prize for high acre a hand painted plate, was awarded to Mrs. Cox. A party two courses of refreshments was served by Misses Dorothy Adams and Carmen Cox.

The office following intermediate classes of the Christian church will be given a reception Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Brink. Mrs. Brink will officiate. Mrs. G. O. Gilliland's boys class, and Miss Emma Thomas' girls class.

Mrs. H. M. Stevens informally entertained a few friends at luncheon Thursday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Woodman, who leaves Saturday morning for her home in Lexington, Tennessee. Covers were laid for refreshment ladies: Madeline Burton, Laverling McElwain, Wright, Woodman and Stevens.

The Catholic Ladies Aid met with Mrs. F. R. Cox on Addison avenue last Thursday afternoon. A short program was rendered, reading the prayer book by Nellie Pellum and Beatrice Cox and vocal solo by Miss Eunice Hart and Ethel Heyfield. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. C. H. Burton.

Mrs. R. W. Sumner informally entertained several of her friends last Friday evening by teaching them several of the new dances she learned while visiting in the east. The guests were seated around a large table having a beautiful centerpiece of autumn prints and dimly lighted paper candles. Dainty refreshments were served to the following guests: Misses Anna Bennett, Wilma Combs, Nancy Park, Margaret Jenkins, Mrs. George E. Wilson, Albert G. Gault, Chas. Macaulay, Harry Bates and Kennedy.

Mrs. B. H. Kayser delightfully entertained at five hundred Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Corbett, of Longmont, Colorado, who is the guest of Mrs. S. H. Sifer. Pink and white flowers were used in abundance throughout the rooms, the colors also being carried out in the refreshments. Mrs. DeLoane received the prize for high score, a beautiful hand painted plate, and a box of candy was presented to the guest of honor. Mrs. George E. Wilson, Albert G. Gault, Chas. Macaulay, Harry Bates and Kennedy.

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Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tolman were in Burlington, Vt., Saturday.

Robert Keidahl, of Murtaugh, in the county seat Saturday of last week.

W. W. Humphrey returned the last of the week from an extended trip to the east.

C. H. Helmer is erecting a modern eight-room residence on Rhinoceros avenue north.

Mrs. D. P. Albee was in Twin Falls for a day the first of the week from Rock Creek.

H. H. Wallace returned Sunday from a business trip to St. Louis, Mo., and Kansas City.

Attorney W. R. Golden is in Boise this week looking after a case in the supreme court.

A. N. Sprague, of the Book Store Pharmacy, at Burley, was in the city Wednesday evening.

Charles Wadsworth, of Burley, was a visitor in the Maple City for a day or two of this week.

Joy Winder departed Wednesday evening for Merced, California, where he will make his future home.

A. E. Uhl, of the Oakley country was a business visitor in Twin Falls for a day or two of this week.

E. B. Ripley, the real estate dealer of Filer, transacted business in the county seat Thursday of this week.

Robert M. Colburn left Wednesday evening for Boise to be gone several days looking after business matters.

Charles Olin is in the city from his home in Minacoma, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crozier.

W. E. Crozier, of the Crozier Transfer company, spent a day the first of the week at his ranch near Murtaugh.

E. B. McKelvie is in Twin Falls from Rockcreek and will remain for several days looking after business affairs.

L. A. Hestington, of the Hestington neighborhood, transacted business in the county seat for several days of this week.

C. O. Bronson, Progressive candidate for state treasurer was in the city Wednesday and Thursday interviewing the voters.

J. P. Strambone departed the first of the week for Minneapolis, Minn., where he will spend the next three or four months.

Mrs. Irvin Clay and daughter left Thursday morning for Nampa and Boise, where they will visit with relatives for a week or two.

Capt. R. H. Barnes was called by Hansen Wednesday evening to be at the bedside of an old comrade of the civil war, who is very ill.

T. A. Walters, democratic candidate for governor, spent a day or two in this vicinity this week, getting acquainted with the voters.

Medward D. E. Skavranec, C. E. Smith and Paul Helberg were in Acapulco, on the Midlaska track, Thursday attending the funeral of a friend.

E. L. Johnson, democratic candidate for county assessor, returned Wednesday evening from Murtaugh, where he had been looking after his farming interests.

A. M. A. meeting of the Progressive World last Saturday, C. A. North was elected chairman and E. W. Hulse, secretary of the county central committee.

Paul Claxton, Progressive candidate for United States senator, and H. E. McElroy, Progressive candidate for governor, were in the city Thursday. On the same evening they delivered addresses in the city on political situation from a Progressive standpoint.

Miss Marion Etter left the last of the week for Butte, Mont. where she will enter the New England Conservatory of Music for a year's instruction on the piano and violin.

Rev. J. W. Fisher, formerly pastor of the First Methodist church in this city, has been appointed conference evangelist for the Idaho district. He will make his home in Weiser.

F. F. Irackin, president of the Idaho State Bank, left Sunday for Chicago, where he will consult with a specialist in regard to his illness. He was accompanied by Dr. C. H. Scott.

Mrs. Hamilton, who has been spending the summer in Twin Falls, visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Housman, left for her home in Illinois Wednesday morning. She was accompanied on far as Missoka by Mrs. Hegeman.

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Deputy Sheriff Ormsby was in American Falls for a day the middle of the week. He was called to the City by his business in connection with the sheriff's office.

Dr. T. C. Hill returned Wednesday from Prater, where he had been attending the Methodist conference. Dr. Hill has been spending the greater part of the summer on his farm on the Salmon River.

Ira E. Finney, auditor of the Nibley-Chambers Lumber company, left Thursday morning for Palo, Illinois in company with a telegram stating that his father was very ill and not expected to recover.

Miss Eva Pearl Barker and mother, of Chicago, are visiting for a few days at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. J. G. Blue. Miss Barker is the private secretary to a telegram stating that the Chicago University school of education.

W. J. Smith is mounting two fine goat heads for E. B. Helberg and H. W. Craven, of Houlatter. The animals were killed by the hunters, but then near his had a bad effect on the sides of Nevada. The miles which are working are only working about half the time.

George Williamson is in the city from Kimberly, Nevada, visiting with friends. Mr. Williamson will remain for several weeks. He says that the forest fire near his had a bad effect on the sides of Nevada. The miles which are working are only working about half the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson left Thursday morning for their home in Minidoka, Nebraska, by way of the coast. They have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Carlson. While there they looked over the country with a view of locating and to be more than probable that they will return to the Twin Falls tract.

George Dailey, manager of the Western Auto company, left Tuesday night for Boise, returning the next day in a new automobile.

William McDonald, who has been ill at his home for the past ten days, returned Tuesday to his business much improved in health.

Henry Smith, who is the owner of several of the copper properties in the Contact district was in Twin Falls for several days of this week.

The R. N. A. will hold a special meeting in the I. O. O. F. hall, Saturday evening, September 25, commencing at eight o'clock.

Rev. J. V. Hawk, who is connected with the Home Finding Society, located in Boise, was a visitor here for several days of this week.

D. B. Moorman, C. W. Park and E. V. Berg were in Burley for a day the last of the week being called there to act as witnesses in a law suit.

Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Parker returned Tuesday evening from Prater, where they had been attending the annual conference of the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Compton left Thursday morning for their home in Stuart, Iowa, after visiting for several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. E. E. Kall.

A. A. Brice, of the Brice Sheet Metal works, spent several days of this week at Burley and Burley, looking after contracts he has in the two cities.

A. Galtbrt the first of the week sold his two story brick building, west of the Porcine Hotel to J. G. Johnson. To show his faith in Twin Falls, Mr. Galtbrt immediately purchased the vacant lot directly across the street from the building sold. The deal was made through the efforts of T. J. Woods.

Andrew E. J. Kingwood and Martha Mjelvik were married at the office of Justice W. J. Smith Tuesday afternoon. The judge performing the ceremony. Mr. Kingwood has resided here for some years and at the time was in charge of the ferry at Shoshone falls. The bride is in Twin Falls but was direct from Norway and has been acquainted with friends in this city. The bride and groom were childhood sweethearts in their native country. Their marriage had completed when they were married Tuesday afternoon. They will make their home at the Falls.

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BALANCE OF POWER NOT TRULY NEUTRAL

Preservation of That Is What Drove England to War.

Military Expert Says Belgium Deserves No Sympathy.

If Present Equilibrium of the Great Powers of Europe Is Disturbed, Her Own Maritime Supremacy Will Be Menaced.

Declares It Had Secret Agreement With France and England Which Germany Knew About—Kaiser's Only Course.

By BURTON L. FRAZIER, Staff Correspondent of the International News Service.

(The appended "inside story of Belgium neutrality" was prepared by the military expert of the German-American Commercial Commission, Inc., of New York.)

London.—The balance of European power is the object of the stupendous war now rending all Europe. Not sympathy with Serbia or Austria, nor a neutral feeling for Slav or Teuton, nor provisions of the triple alliance or the triple entente drew the great powers into a titanic death grapple, but the threatened overturning of the balance of power.

Sympathy for Belgium, whose neutrality was supposed to have been so brutally violated by Germany, created by French and English reporters antagonizing the American readers against the position taken by Germany in the present crisis and against its military tactics, will promptly to please and England's position as "the protector in arms of a sacred treaty" will be clearly understood if a few indisputable facts not brought out before are taken into consideration.

Why did England declare war against Germany and send her troops to the continent and her fleets into the North sea and the Mediterranean to stand beside France and Russia against Germany and Austria-Hungary? That is a question which the British public and perhaps the people of the United States did not clearly understand in the heat of the moment, when the war began.

Belgium is fortified on its German boundary, whereas it has neglected during the last thirty years to take similar precautions to protect itself against its French and English neighbors. There is a severe Anglo-French-Belgium agreement, the real substance of which was established at the beginning of the Morocco struggle.

Contrary to popular opinion, England did not hotly expose the cause of little Serbia nor blindly follow the lead of France and Russia, her allies in the triple entente. England did not allow either her sympathies nor her diplomatic obligations to run away with her. She declared war to preserve the balance of power in Europe. That is the stake in this most far-reaching war.

Germany for a long time had knowledge of this agreement and acted accordingly.

The full gravity of the present European situation cannot be appreciated unless it is clearly and fully understood that in this great international conflagration England could not, in her own most vital interest, afford to stand out.

England decreed the mobilization of its army on August 2, started the transportation of its troops to the continent to the night between the 3d and 4th and sent its ultimatum regarding the neutrality of Belgium on August 4, declaring war on Germany "the night between the 4th and 5th."

It was not a matter of sympathy, of philanthropy or of international honor, as some of the talk in parliament might have indicated at the time. England's action was being discussed, but a matter of self-preservation.

The only course left open for Germany's self-preservation was to anticipate the passage of troops through the neutral territory of Belgium and to take possession of its fortresses. The quick and precalculated movements of its armies assured their success and checkmated French-English actions in Belgium.

By the balance of power is meant the control of Europe. The object of Great Britain's foreign policy is to keep the great powers in equilibrium. The increased strength of the triple alliance, brought about by the enormous military and naval development of Germany, threatened the balance of power in Europe. In the same way the rise of Germany led to the conclusion of the entente cordiale between England and France, which, on being extended to Russia, resulted in the present triple entente.

Belgium has never been in debt to France and England, but rather on the assistance of those two governments in case of need.

The whole security of the British empire, economically, commercially, industrially, as well as in naval and military power, depends on the maintenance of the balance of power.

The German government is in possession of documents that were exchanged between the present commander and the French secretary of war, in which all the details of a landing of an English army existing on French and Belgian territory were discussed and settled.

Thus it was that Germany, fearing the long-threatened Pan-Slavic union, jumped into the conflict. In the manner Russia, England and France feared that Austria-Hungary had designs on Serbia and other small Slav states of southeastern Europe and might annex them if she were victorious in the war.

England's transport ships were ready to sail.

Great Britain cannot jeopardize her maritime supremacy, safeguarding her communication with her overseas dominions, China, Australia, India and Africa, by running the risk of any one power or group of powers obtaining ascendancy on the continent. Therefore England joined the war.

France, according to secret agreement, dispatched officers and troops to Liege before the declaration of war, in order to maintain the forts until the French army of the north succeeded in its fortification work in Brussels.

Watson Calls On America to Act

London.—A poem entitled "To the United States," by William Watson, is published in the Post. It follows:

Great, O majestic nation, great is calm;
 Great when old bounds dissolve to tower apart,
 There beyond Europe's throes and with a heart
 At peace from northern pine to southern palm,
 Great in glad harvest time to reap the grain
 Rolling to heaven, nor be as when the east
 As mutter of far Cannon, and when the mart
 Rocks to and fro delirious great in calm.
 But when a desert, swollen with the desire
 Of boundless avarice, forbears not to uncease
 War's woeless on shieldless youth and grannies-age,
 Great nation, wreath then is laid
 Do, then, thy plebeian, un-leash thy rage!
 And rear and blast with thy lips and fire.

CHASING THE GERMAN SHIPS

Wireless Man Aboard the Gloucester Describer Pursuit of the Goeben and Breslau.

London.—T. Madden, wireless operator aboard H. M. S. Gloucester, writing to his mother at West Hartlepool, gives an interesting account of the chase by that vessel of the German warships Goeben and Breslau. The Gloucester, an auxiliary, chased the Goeben, but the first shot fell short. The Breslau replied with 30 shots, of which only two took effect, two of the Gloucester's boats being smashed on the davits. "After the first shot our lads were quite happy," Madden adds, "and kept firing as quickly as possible. One chap nearly swallowed his chew of tobacco when the first shot fell short. The next one he got for luck, and it took half of the Breslau's life away." He reported the opportunity on the next shot, which cleared the Breslau's quarter deck and put its gun out of action. "They be begun to run."

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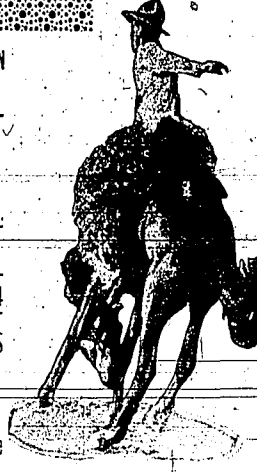
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