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DISTRESS SIGNALS.

Steamer that Sent Them Up Suddenly Disappeared—Did She Sink?

San Francisco, March 13.—Great mystery attaches to the disappearance and identity of a steamer which is reported to have sent up signals of distress off Point Reyes Wednesday night, and which suddenly disappeared, as if swallowed up by the sea. Just before her disappearance, the observers say, the steam siren of the distressed vessel sounded three long blasts and lanterns were swung on the port side in a frantic manner, indicating that great excitement must have prevailed. To the watchers at the Point Reyes lighthouse, it looked as though those on board were preparing to disembark. Capt. Jorgensen, of the lighthouse, with his men launched a life boat and spent several hours in the vicinity of the spot where the steamer is supposed to have gone down, but nothing to indicate a wreck was found.

The steamer Corona, from Eureka, Cal., signalled that she had passed through immense quantities of wreckage early Thursday morning at a point about 30 miles southeast of Point Arena. Investigation indicates that this wreckage was a portion of the deckload of the steam schooner Alcatraz, from Greenwood Landing, Cal., which was lost during a storm on March 8. The Alcatraz arrived in port safely several days ago. The opinion about the merchants' exchange is that while the Point Reyes people may have seen signals of some sort, these were intended to indicate that the vessel was in grave danger.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF THE CREW OF A WRECKED SCHOONER.

Seattle, Wash., March 13.—The fishing and sealing schooner George W. Prescott, of Victoria, was captured and completely wrecked Monday morning 30 miles off the Columbia river. One member of the crew, an Indian, was lost. The entire crew had a narrow escape from death. The steamer Montara, which picked up the crew, brought them to Seattle yesterday. For more than 48 hours the Prescott and her crew floundered in the waves. Finally the crew were compelled to tie themselves to the wreck and await assistance. For 56 hours they were drenched to the skin, without food and every minute expecting to be dashed to pieces. The Montara was sighted early Wednesday morning. The crew was taken aboard. It consisted of four white men and 18 Indians. Capt. Barrington, of the Montara, sunk the schooner after the crew was taken off. The mast was caught in a heavy cross sea and was completely overturned. The entire crew was washed overboard, but all save one succeeded in swimming back and clinging to the wreck. The loss is estimated at \$6,000.

WANT MORE PAY.

Trainmen Prepare to Demand a Big Increase in Wages.
Chicago, March 13.—The Record-Herald says: Early in May a concerted demand will be made by the trainmen of all railroads centering in Chicago for a raise in wages amounting to between 12 and 15 per cent. Preceding their visit to Chicago the trainmen's committees are to make a similar demand upon the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads. They will ask that the pay of conductors and brakemen of through local and way freight, mixed and work trains be raised 15 per cent., with a pro rata for overtime and that passenger conductors, brakemen, flagmen and train porters be given a 12 per cent. raise. Recent settlements upon this basis have been made with the Union Pacific and part of the Santa Fe roads, and it is expected that no difficulty will be experienced in inducing the Hill lines to meet the advanced schedules. The movement will affect many thousand men and the railroad managements are comparing notes with a view of standing together in the replies made to the demands.

Got the Grounds at Last.
New York, March 13.—President Ban Johnson, of the American league, announced last evening that the grounds of the New York team of the American league have been selected and leased. They will be between One Hundred and Sixty-fifth and One Hundred and Sixty-eighth streets, Eleventh avenue and Fort Washington avenue. The president of the New York American league team will be Joseph Gordon, a builder and coal and wood dealer, a member of Tammany Hall and of the New York Athletic, Democratic and Tilden clubs. Associated with him will be John B. Day.

Ames Will Return.
Manchester, N. H., March 13.—Adelbert A. Ames, ex-mayor of Minneapolis and fugitive from justice, contrary to the advice of his physician and, it is believed here, without the knowledge of his counsel, decided yesterday to return to Minneapolis and stand trial. He will leave Saturday morning and will therefore be out of the state when the time limit in which he had to get bail is up. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Ames and their child. His decision to return was voluntarily made, but it was not announced until his wife's relations had come forward with sureties enough for his bail of \$12,500.

Judge Day's Illness.
Washington, March 13.—After his visit last night Dr. Hardin, the attending physician, made the following statement: "Judge Day has a moderately severe attack of pneumonia. He is very comfortable and his symptoms at present do not occasion alarm." The friends of Judge Day are very apprehensive concerning his condition. His temperature yesterday was very high, running up to the neighborhood of 105. He is not a man of robust physique, and it is feared may be unable to withstand a severe attack of illness.

SUPPRESS DISEASE.

New Code Announced Relative to Cattle in United States.

All Persons Owning, Managing or Transporting Animals Must See to It that Cattle Are Not Affected with Contagious Disease.

Washington, March 13.—The department of agriculture yesterday announced a new code of regulations for the suppression of contagious diseases among domestic animals in the United States. The regulations revoke those of April 15, 1887.

The new regulations require all persons owning, managing or transporting animals to exercise reasonable diligence to ascertain that the animals are not affected with any contagious or infectious disease, nor exposed by contact with other animals so affected, or by being in pens or vehicles contaminated by diseased animals before such persons offer them for transportation or introduce them into public stock yards, or on public highways or lines of inter-state traffic.

All persons having charge of affected or exposed animals are required to keep them confined and away from other animals, and no person controlling premises or vehicles where diseased or exposed animals have been shall allow them to be occupied by healthy animals until the danger of infection is removed. Any state or territory or the District of Columbia where there exists a contagious or infectious disease among animals is to be considered an infected locality. The movement of suspected animals in or through any infected locality will be governed by these regulations and any subsequent orders of the secretary of agriculture, and vehicles used for their transportation must be disinfected according to the secretary's orders.

The shipment or removal of hay, straw, forage or other similar material, or of any meats, hides or other animal products from an infected locality may be prohibited when deemed necessary and shall be disposed of to guard against the spread of contagion. Shipments of live stock and products may be stopped in transit for inspection, and disposed of if found liable to disseminate the contagion. No animals susceptible to a contagious or infectious disease, or the products of such animals, or hay and similar material originating in or passing through a foreign country where such a disease exists, will be admitted into the United States when their importation "would endanger the live stock industry of the United States."

The regulations provide for the quarantining of limited portions of any state or territory and for compensation to owners of animals slaughtered. Violation of these regulations or other similar orders of the secretary of agriculture is made punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$1,000, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both fine and imprisonment.

A TERRIBLE CRIME.

A Missouri Farmer Kills His Wife and Six Children.
St. Louis, March 13.—Adolph Krauss, a German farmer living 21 miles west of St. Louis, near Bellefontaine, last night killed his wife and six children with a sledgehammer. He then knocked himself unconscious with the hammer and at midnight was dying. Krauss suddenly became insane, it is believed. He had the reputation among his neighbors of being a quiet, inoffensive, industrious farmer and no cause but insanity has been assigned.

About 7 o'clock last night John Krauss, a brother, went to Adolph's house to make a call. The lights were out, but the door was unlocked and he entered the house and upon striking a light was horrified to discover the terrible tragedy. From all that can be learned Adolph Krauss entered the house some time in the afternoon armed with a sledgehammer. Without warning he struck his wife in the head, killing her instantly. Then seizing his first child, aged 12, he dealt a murderous blow. The other five children were killed similarly, the last being a six-months-old baby.

Krauss then placed the seven bodies side by side on the floor in one room. He then seized the hammer and dealt himself a blow on the skull which fractured it and knocked him unconscious, his body falling almost in line with those of his victims.

Wrecked by a Split Rail.
New Castle, Pa., March 13.—The Buffalo and Cleveland express, a fast passenger on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad, was wrecked near Mahoningtown yesterday by the splitting of a rail which derailed the train while running at high speed. There were a score or more passengers badly hurt, but none seriously. Among the injured were: Miss Fannie Graham, Warren, O., back and left leg badly hurt; taken to Shenango hospital, this city. Mrs. Sarah Jones, Youngstown, face badly hurt; sent to her home. Dr. H. B. Braham, Youngstown, back badly hurt; sent home. Miss Frona Brown, Youngstown, head hurt.

SITUATION IS ALARMING.

Mississippi's Flood Means Higher Armed Men Guarding Levees.

Memphis, Tenn., March 14.—The river gauge last night was 36.5 feet and rising. This is an advance of seven-tenths of a foot since 6 o'clock Thursday night, and the weather bureau predicts that the rise will continue at an increased rate to-day, when a stage of more than 37 feet is expected. The bureau continues to anticipate a stage of more than 38 feet and possibly more than 39.

A telegram was received yesterday from Caruthersville saying that the situation there is unchanged and that there is nothing alarming in the situation. Capt. Lucas has returned from a trip of inspection and reports the levees on both sides of the Mississippi in good shape except near Modoc, Ark., where a serious break occurred in 1897, and which has never been completely repaired. The engineers are hopeful that the embankment will hold.

Chief Engineer Pharr, of the St. Francis levee, has issued a notice to all engineers in charge of districts asking them to post notices prohibiting persons from appearing on or approaching the levees at any point during the night, under pain of being fired upon by the levee patrols. All steamers arriving Friday brought in large numbers of refugees and much live stock.

Calro, Ill., March 14.—The river gauge last night marked 50.4 feet. There is little change in the situation. A number of refugees have arrived and more territory is reported under water. Jackson, Miss., March 14.—Gov. Longino left yesterday for Greenville, where he will direct the work of the convicts in repairing the levees. Reports from Clarksdale state that the situation is more grave than ever, on account of the continued rain.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 14.—The flood situation in this section is steadily growing worse. It is intensified by continued heavy rains. While the engineers are keeping up a brave front, it is plain that they fear the worst.

A new short levee north of Lake Providence is causing the most concern. On the lower Yazoo several of the finest plantations in Warren county are submerged. Specials from Donaldson and Baton Rouge tell of great excitement at those points, as the Arlington levee near the Louisiana capital is thought to be in grave danger. Every able-bodied man, white or black, is being pressed into service and rushed to the danger point. In Vicksburg the tracks of the Yazoo & Mississippi and the Alabama & Vicksburg railroads are imperilled by the rising waters.

Boston, March 14.—The flood situation in the parts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire traversed by the Merrimack river again has become dangerous. At Haverhill and Lowell, Mass., and Concord, N. H., the river is running at flood height and still rising. At Nashua, N. H., the Nashua river is threatening damage to property along its banks.

THE SIGNS ARE GOOD.

Everything Points to a Very Brisk Spring and Summer Trade.
New York, March 14.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Reports from all sections of the country promise a brisk spring and summer trade. Orders are coming forward on a large scale, and frequent requests for prompt shipment indicate that stocks are low and requirements urgent. The statement has been made repeatedly of late that traffic blockades were ended, but as a matter of fact, the relief was in every case of a local nature, and almost immediately followed by so much new business that congestion returned. At present the western shipments are fairly prompt, but freight is not coming east in a satisfactory manner. Activity in building lines is so great as to occasion frequent comment. Bad weather retarded retail business at some points and floods added to the disturbed condition of the cotton market. Railway earnings continue to exceed previous years' figures, roads reporting for the first week of March showing a gain of 14.1 per cent. over last year.

It is almost certain that railway construction will far exceed even last year's enormous figures, and similar conditions exist as to building and bridge operations. An erratic market for the raw material, together with unfavorable weather, brings a decrease in sales of cotton goods. Only a fair demand is reported for men's wear woolsens and worsteds. Failures this week numbered 239 in the United States, against 232 last year, and 22 in Canada, against 34 a year ago.

SEVEN MEN KILLED.

Mine Disasters in Michigan and Illinois Towns.

The Miners at Iron Mountain, Mich., Were Drowned, While Those at Cardiff, Ill., Were Killed by an Explosion of Firedamp.

Detroit, March 14.—A special to the Free Press from Iron Mountain, Mich., says: Four men are known to have lost their lives and four others are missing as the result of one of the worst fatalities of recent years in the mining region. The men were drowned by a rush of water which flooded the level in which they were working. The accident occurred in the fourth level of the crosscut in the Millie mine and was caused by the men working through the wall of their level into another level, an old working which had been flooded, the water sweeping through the break and drowning the men like rats in a trap. Twelve miners were at work in the fourth level, but four managed to escape. The known dead: Henry Jaeger, Capt. James Williams, John Davey, John Richards.

The names of the other four missing have not been ascertained. One body, that of Henry Jaeger, has been recovered.

Pontiac, Ill., March 14.—Three men were killed and 14 were severely injured Thursday night by an explosion of firedamp in the mines of the Cardiff Coal Co. The dead are John McClosky, Joseph Huett and Zrei Azofino. Miners at the mouth of the shaft were awakened by the explosion and rescued the injured and removed the dead bodies from the mine. Some of the injured may die.

A CENSUS BULLETIN.

It Treats of the Geographical Distribution of Our Population.
Washington, March 14.—The census bureau has issued a bulletin on the geographical distribution of population in the United States. It shows that almost 96 per cent. of the total population lives in the country drained by the Atlantic ocean; over 53 per cent. in that drained by the Gulf of Mexico; 44 per cent. in the drainage area of the Mississippi river; almost 10 per cent. in the area drained by the great lakes, 4 per cent. on the Pacific coast, and half of one per cent. in the great basin. The proportion living within the region drained by the Atlantic ocean is steadily diminishing, while the part drained by the Gulf of Mexico is becoming relatively more populous, as is the case, in a still more marked degree, in the great basin and the Pacific ocean region. Of the foreign born 93 per cent. live in the region drained by the Gulf of Mexico and 15 per cent. in that drained by the great lakes. Out of every 1,000 negroes, 998 are found in the regions drained by the Atlantic ocean and 61.4 per cent. are in the lands drained by the Gulf of Mexico.

ANOTHER INJUNCTION.

Judge Phillips Again Goes After the Kansas City Teamsters.
Kansas City, March 14.—Judge John P. Phillips, in the United States district court Friday afternoon issued a sweeping injunction restraining all members of the local Team Drivers' International union from interfering with the business of 11 of the transfer companies of the city, whose men are on a strike. The 11 companies petitioned the court to restrain the strikers and their sympathizers on the ground that interference with wagons on the way to the depots and shipping yards is in violation of the inter-state commerce laws. Ten strikers were arrested for stoning a driver and blockading the thoroughfare and it became necessary for the police to disperse the crowd, but no one was hurt. Later as many more men were arrested for obstructing the sidewalks and a charge of disturbing the peace was placed against them. The leaders of the strike assert that they are gaining strength and that other trades will go out in their support if the transfer men shall not surrender soon.

COGHLAN'S SQUADRON.

It Will Go to Honduras to Protect American Interests.
Washington, March 14.—The Caribbean squadron under command of Admiral Coghlan has been ordered to Honduras, where the revolution is assuming serious proportions, to protect American interests. Late Friday afternoon Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling sent the following cable instructions to Admiral Coghlan at San Juan: "Proceed with squadron, Olympia, Panther, Marietta, Vixen (and Brutus collier) protection American interests Puerto Cortez and Ceiba, Honduras. Communicate with minister. Authorized to leave Vixen (tender) under commandant at San Juan." The navy department decided to send Admiral Coghlan to Honduras on the theory that a flag officer present on the scene would be in a position to take such steps as may be necessary for the protection of American interests without constant reference to the department here.

A Chapter of Crime.
Peoria, Ill., March 14.—William Minch, one of the best known residents of Washington, Tazewell county, yesterday rode to the home of his brother-in-law, Adam Oetzel, one mile east of Farmland and shot him, killing him instantly. Then Minch rode to the home of his former wife at Washington, picked up a butcher knife, cut off her right ear and a finger of her left hand. Then he rode to the Santa Fe depot and when near the building he placed a revolver to his head and fired, dying in a few minutes.

Fall and Winter Announcement.

Our stock of Fall and Winter Dry Goods is now complete. We have a nice line of heavy goods for Jacket suits, and also several pieces of heavy goods for rainy-day skirts.

A full line of Ladies Wrappers for fall and winter in calico, percale and hannelette, sizes 32 to 44, from \$1.00 to \$1.85 each.

We have a large stock of white and colored fall wool blankets and the prices are very low for the grade of goods.

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