



MANY LIVES LOST

MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED PERISH.

A Collision of English Battleships on the North African Coast, With Fearsome Results.

A tragedy of the sea without parallel in the naval annals of recent times was reported Friday. The British battleship Victoria, the flagship of the Mediterranean squadron, has completed a checkered career by sinking off Tripoli after a collision with the Camperdown, a sister ship of the squadron.

The accounts of the disaster are meager and the responsibility for this woful loss of life has not been fixed. Some of the ships of the squadron were maneuvering when the powerful ram of the Camperdown struck the Victoria forward of the turret on the starboard side.

Fifteen minutes after the Victoria had received the fatal blow the water closed over her and the brave hearts that were prepared to battle with all enemies of their country had ceased to beat, because the mistake of a friend is more deadly than the designs of any foe.

Then came a scene which made the officers of the decks of the other warships of the fleet turn away, sick with horror. Screams and shrieks arose and in the white foam appeared reddened arms and legs and wrenched and torn bodies.

The news of the terrible marine disaster in the Mediterranean Thursday, caused the wildest excitement throughout Great Britain, which is hourly growing as additional details of the appalling loss of life are made known.

The steady increase of the REPORTER'S list is gratifying to us, it is an indication that our efforts to make this journal interesting to the general reader, is meeting with appreciation.

The old Milliken property, on Linn street, Bellefonte, has been completely wiped out of existence and not a trace is left of what once was the habitation of the famous James Milliken.

A laundress says that she mixes a piece of alum about the size of a hickory nut with every pint of starch. The alum is dissolved and then stirred into the starch. This preparation is used for stiffening gingham, muslins and calicoes.

The Victoria was a twin-screw steel battleship of 10,470 tons, 14,000-horse power, 340 feet long, 70 feet beam, built at New Castle, completed in 1890, hull cost £612,522, machinery £112,333, turret and barbette, compound armor, two 11-ton guns in forward turret and one 20-inch mounted in a barbette aft; the turret and barbette had 18 inches of compound armor. Her listed speed was 16.75 knots. She had one lofty military mast of steel carrying gun platforms.

The Camperdown had struck the Victoria a ripping blow, glancing alongside and opening out the plates above several of the compartments. The water was then admitted into a number of the compartments on one side of the ship, causing her to capsize by its great weight.

The Victoria began to sink slowly, stern first she went down and the men jumped for their lives, but a new peril more horrible than drowning descended upon them. The great engine deep in the heart of the hull, and inclosed in water tight compartments, was still throbbing at full speed, and the great steel phalanger of the twin screws were twirling around up in the air.

The ship was beneath the surface just as the whirl was shallowed almost to the surface. Then there was a muffled sound of thunder, the waters were tossed up and the steam burst from them. Again the shrieks and screams burst from the swimmers. The boilers had exploded, the sea had rushed into the furnace and the swimmers were battling waves of scalding water.

That eminently useful organization the State Board of Agriculture, has already begun holding institutes for 1893. From the highly successful one held in Centre Hall, last winter our readers know the value of these institutes.

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Preaching at the World's Fair.

"We all believe in an American Sabbath as a day of rest, a day of pure social enjoyment, and a day of worship. This World's Fair is in itself a great school, a great church, and it needs no religious service to make it right to open the gates on Sunday.

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A riot broke out in Rangoon among the Mohammedans, who had been forbidden to sacrifice a cow near a Hindoo temple.

When the extra session of congress convenes, it is probable the president will make some suggestions regarding National Banks.

The Pennsylvania World's Fair Commission has decided to donate the State's building and contents to Chicago. This, of course, does not include the Liberty bell.

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CAPITOL GOSSIP

WHAT IS DOING AT PRESENT AT WASHINGTON.

A Pension Granted for a Bald Head.—The President to Join His Wife.—Other Events of Note.

WASHINGTON, JUNE 26.—President Cleveland hopes to join Mrs. Cleveland and Ruth at their Buzzard Bay cottage the latter part of this week, although he has so much to do that he cannot make the trip one of rest and recreation.

He told Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, who was chairman of the committee on Printing in the last House and who will probably occupy the same position when the present House is organized, that he would not appoint the new Public Printer for some time.

Representative Catchings, of Mississippi, who was a member of the House committee on Rules in the last Congress, says some radical changes will have to be made in the House rules if difficulty is to be escaped in carrying out the pledges of the party.

Represented Tarsney, of Missouri, created a sensation in the House a few weeks before the adjournment of the last session of Congress by declaring that under Raun's administration of the Pension Office pensions had been granted for no other disability than the loss of hair.

It is calculated that there is property valued at 50,000,000 at the bottom of the Atlantic. We guess that's what McGinty went down for.

There are \$4000 due the REPORTER on subscription; now if you are one of them send on the dues, for we need them sorely.

There is one church that will not boycott the fair. The Methodist Episcopal church will permit its exhibits to remain at the World's Fair but will cover them on Sunday.

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It is not alone in the picturesque settings of lawn and garden which everywhere abound throughout the grounds that we find our fullest appreciation of the landscape art.

Connected to the main-land by a half dozen spans of so-called bridges, it is readily accessible from any approach. It is a realm of strange inconsistencies and surprises, harmonies and pleasant discords, unified with the rarest skill.

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SEASHORE EXCURSIONS.

Special Reduced Rate Excursions to the Atlantic Coast.

On July 13th next the first of a limited summer series of seashore excursions will be run. The remarkably low rate of \$10.00 for the round trip will be charged from Pittsburgh, with proportionate rates from other points.

These tickets will be valid for return passage for twelve days, thus affording ample time for either a limited trip or a restful fortnight by the sea.

The special train will be run on the following schedule, and tickets will be sold at the rates quoted:

Table listing train routes, dates, and rates for seashore excursions to the Atlantic coast.

For detailed information address or apply to Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent, 110 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh.

SILVER FACTS.

The highest price ever attained by silver in the United States was at the time of the passage of the Bland silver bill, February 28, 1878, when the price was \$1.22 per ounce.

When the Sherman act went into effect, August, 1890, there was a spurt in the price of silver, and it went up to \$1.21 per ounce. In the time between the passage of the Bland law and the passage of the Sherman law in 1890, silver went to ninety-two cents per ounce, which was a maximum price during that period.

Since 1883, India has coined silver free. During the last calendar year, the Indian government coined 46,000,000. Since the passage of the Bland and Sherman acts the United States have coined 428,000,000 dollars of silver.

A stove as a place in which to place money has again proven unsafe. Two daughters of Daniel Conner, in St. Louis, who committed suicide a year ago, withdrew \$1,135 from the bank recently, having become frightened at the financial scare.

Gov. Pattison signed the bill regulating admission to the soldiers' and sailors' home at Erie. The bill extends the benefits of that institution to citizens of this state who served in regiments from other states, a privilege not heretofore given.

BANKS ARE STILL BUSTING, much to the distress of depositors. There should be more stringent legislation for the protection of depositors, the business is too one-sided, and that side all in favor of the banks.

Spring Mills Academy. The after-harvest term of the Spring Mills Academy, under Prof. D. M. Wolf, will open Monday, July 24.