

PORTLAND IS LOST.

Big Steamer Wrecked With Passengers and Crew.

NOT A SOUL WAS SAVED.

Ninety-seven persons perish—bodies washed ashore and identified—west down on Sunday—The Disaster to the Portland is the third of the Great Maritime Accidents of the Year 1908.

Boston, Mass., (Special.)—The steamer Portland, of the Boston and Portland Line, was totally wrecked at 10 o'clock Sunday morning off Highland Light, and the entire crew and passengers are reported to have perished within a short distance of land.

A large quantity of wreckage, including trunks and other material, has been washed ashore and 34 bodies had been recovered from the surf by the life-saving crew at High Head Station. One body was that of a woman.

The news of the disaster was brought to this city through the agency of a special train, as communication with Boston by wire from points on Cape Cod is impossible on account of the hayco wrought by the storm.

The passenger list numbered 51, and the officers and crew numbered 48.

The steamer had in all 97 souls on board. The Portland is comparatively new and a side-wheel steamer. Her length is 280 feet and she is valued at \$250,000. She is one of the best vessels running from Portland to Boston.

Bodies Washed Ashore.

A dispatch from Provincetown, Mass., says that two bodies that came ashore at Highland Light are supposed to be from the Portland and have been brought to that place.

One is that of a well-dressed man with light hair and mustache; height 5 feet, 9 inches; weight 150 pounds. He wore a black suit and overcoat, white shirt with gold stud, opal in the center; light blue necktie and tan shoes, No. 7 1/2; gold watch, gold ring, \$3 in money and two handkerchiefs, one marked "Q" in corner, was found about his person.

The other body was that of a woman with only shoes and stockings on, age about 40 years, weight about 175 pounds, light hair and about five feet, nine inches tall.

A dispatch from Worcester says that Wm. L. Chase, who, with his son, Philip, was a passenger on the Portland, was chief in the draughtmen's department of the Crompton Knowles' Loom Works, and secretary of the Alumni Association of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

BIG EXPLOSION IN HAVANA.

Thirty-eight Persons Are Killed or Wounded by Powder.

HAVANA (Special.)—A terrible explosion occurred on the Avenue Infante, between the Santa Clara and Reina batteries.

Many boxes of powder were stored in a private house there, which also contained five rooms full of Mauser and other cartridges. The careless handling of one of the boxes of powder or one of the boxes of cartridges caused the explosion, which killed or injured 38 persons.

The presence of such a large quantity of cartridges—known to have been brought recently from the artillery depot—in an out of the way house has not been explained. Most of them employed in emptying the cartridges, evidently their only duty on the premises, were boys and girls under seventeen years of age, and they formed the greater proportion of the victims. The employment of children in such a dangerous occupation and the existence of such a large quantity of explosives within the city limits are both in contravention of the municipal regulations.

Whether there may have been some ulterior motive in storing the explosives there cannot be answered, but the casualty suggests the possibility that there may be other similar deposits whose localities are unknown to the authorities. An investigation has been ordered.

THE CZAR'S PEACE PLANS.

They May Be Practical For the Powers To Agree Not To Increase Armaments.

The Paris correspondent of the London Times says: The main published an interview of an English politician with Emperor Nicholas. The conversation mostly turned on the disarmament conference, and the czar spoke with the utmost ardor, declaring that he wanted a tangible, practical result. His Majesty suggested that the powers might bind themselves not to increase their armaments for five years, at the end of which they might meet again to decide upon future action. They might also settle their attitude in the event of menace or prospective hostilities.

He suggests, as an example of possible action, that the recent Fashoda dispute might have been referred by Great Britain to the United States and by France to Russia. If these failed to agree there might have been recourse to an arbitrator, say the Emperor of Austria. In any case delay would have made for peace.

CONVICT KILLS DEPUTY SHERIFF.

John Warner, of Birmingham, Shot by Will Goldston, a Negro.

Birmingham, Ala., (Special.)—Chief Deputy John Warner, of this city, was shot and killed here by Will Goldston, a negro. Goldston is a murderer sent up for life from Antigua County, and recently escaped from a convict camp in that county. Warner, learning of his presence in this city, attempted to arrest him, but received three balls from a revolver in the hands of Goldston, who was behind a door.

The convict escaped down an alley, and although the town turned out to hunt him, he had not been found up to midnight. If he is captured lynching is sure to follow. Warner was very popular, and known all over the State. He ran for Mayor of Birmingham last year, and twelve years ago was a Democratic leader in State politics.

MADRID SAD BUT CALM.

Bitterness Toward This Country, Though All Agree There Was No Other Course.

MADRID (Special.)—This city is calm. There have been no disturbances resulting from the announcement of Spain's acceptance of the American conditions.

The papers publish gloomy articles, sadly reminding the country that the day is one long to be remembered, as marking "the closing scene of a glorious colonial history."

All agree that the government has adopted the only possible policy, though much bitterness is displayed toward the United States.

THE NEWS.

The Baltimore steamer Fairfax, which stranded on Sow and Pigs Shoals, near Buzzards Bay, is said to lie in an easy position, and wrecking tows will try to save her. Passengers were taken to Boston.

James W. Tolbert who was forced to leave the neighborhood of Phoenix, S. C., as a result of recent race troubles there, is seeking to have nine of his neighbors indicted by the United States Court on the charge of conspiracy.

The celebrated Alton (Ill.) colored case has been decided against the school people, who had protested against separate schools.

The women of Macon, Ga., lost a local option fight after a unique and determined campaign.

It is believed on Cape Cod that the steamer Portland went down near Peaked Hill life-saving station, and that many bodies are in the wreck.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Plant system of railroads was held at Savannah, Ga. President Plant was not present. F. Q. Brown, of Boston, a newly elected director presided. The net earnings of the year were shown to be \$183,413.28. An annual dividend of 2 per cent. will be declared.

Fred W. Ganter, champion bicycle rider of Northern New York, killed himself at his home at Pamela. Ganter's wife died after giving birth to a child. The husband took a rifle, went to the room where his wife's remains had been laid out and shot himself. His death was instantaneous. Ganter was twenty-two years of age, and had been married a year.

A severe snowstorm, gale and blizzard had caused much damage, serious delay to traffic, many losses at sea and deaths from exposure in New England and the Middle States.

Three negroes are reported to have been lynched near Meridian, Miss., for attacking young white man.

Prairie fires have recently done much damage in Oklahoma and Indian Territory. By a boiler explosion on the steamboat G. C. Walker, near Stockton, Cal., six persons were killed and many others seriously hurt or scalded.

The big battleship Wisconsin was successfully launched from the Union Iron Works at San Francisco.

Edward Astin, a Boston millionaire, who died recently, left \$500,000 to Harvard and \$500,000 more to other schools and charities.

Col. C. V. Hard, of the Eighth Ohio, refused to resign when asked to do so by a "round robin" from the officers of his regiment.

Charles S. Cross, who wrecked the First National Bank of Emporia, Kan., and then committed suicide, left a letter saying that ill-success in speculation had made him use the bank's funds.

The Texas Supreme Court has dissolved an injunction preventing the completion of a channel to deep water from the Gulf terminals at Port Arthur, Tex.

STEEL FLOATING DOCK.

Only Two Bids Were Received by the Navy Department.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)—Bids were opened Wednesday by Commodore Endicott, chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, for the construction of a combined floating and graving steel dock at Algier, La. The limit of costs for which is \$850,000. But two bids were received.

Charles L. Bradbury, of New York, bid the exact limit of the cost of the dock. The Maryland Steel Company, of Baltimore, submitted a bid of \$810,000 to build the dock according to the plans of the bureau. This company also submitted an alternative proposition which included additional equipment for the dock not provided for in the plans of the bureau at a cost of \$837,000.

Chief Endicott announced that as soon as the bids could be considered the award would be made.

DIED IN SABBATH SCHOOL.

Cashier of Baltimore Bank Suddenly Drops Dead.

Baltimore, Md., (Special.)—John H. Bowden, cashier of the Second National Bank of Baltimore, and well known in local business circles, dropped dead in the Sunday school room of the East Baltimore Station Methodist Episcopal Church of paralysis of the heart.

Mr. Bowden was 73 years old and had been superintendent of the Sunday school for twenty-five years. He left home in his usual good health, but fell dead a few minutes after entering the schoolroom.

FIELD OF LABOR.

Women sailors in Finland, Montana hasn't a paper mill. Russia has co-operative societies. Shanghai, China, has ten cotton mills. Butte, Mont., hasn't a non-union clerk. Italy's vineyards aggregate 8,500,000 acres. Marion, Ind., hasn't a non-union cigar factory.

England has 35,000 union boot and shoe operatives.

On the Bowery, New York, a shave costs 3 cents; hair cut, 5.

At the Strozz palace, in Rome, there is a book made of marble, the leaves being of marvelous thinness.

The Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America call upon the coming convention of the American Federation of Labor to be held in Kansas City in December, to adopt a financial policy that will guarantee to every affiliated organization in a contest for shorter hours and better conditions, &c., at least 10 cents per week from each member affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration. * * * No men living are more worthy to be trusted than those who toil up from poverty; none less inclined to take or touch anything they have not honestly earned.—Abraham Lincoln.

Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota have produced this year crops, the value of which is estimated to be \$150,000,000. The three States have raised 250,000,000 bushels of wheat, 75,000,000 bushels of corn, 50,000,000 bushels of oats, and several million bushels of barley, flax, potatoes, a large crop of hay, and several million dollars worth of hogs, cattle and horses.

Thanks to unionism, every piece of work done for the city of London has this stipulation: That trades union price shall govern the wages paid. Nearly all work is done directly by the city; they select their own foreman, who gives a bond and receives only the same wages as the others, the city looking to him as security for the class of work done. The lowest bid from contractors for a sewer in York road, London, was \$58,000. The city did the work for itself for \$26,000, and paid \$1.75 per day, when the contractor paid \$1.25 for similar work. It is claimed to have been better than was done under the contract system.

FARM PRODUCTS.

Report of the Secretary of Agriculture.

THE NEW ACQUISITIONS.

Mr. Wilson Calls Attention to the Important Bearing of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines Upon the Agricultural Interests of the Country—Liberal Appropriations Needed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., (Special.)—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson in his annual report, just made public, in addition to discussing domestic problems, reviews our agricultural relations in foreign fields. He calls for an emergency appropriation of a lump sum for future requirements that cannot all be anticipated specifically. Exploration by scientists of territorial acquisitions and the sudden appearance of pests are some of these possible emergencies.

Discussing agricultural resources in our new island acquisitions Secretary Wilson says:

"In the territories recently brought under the control of the United States government the agricultural interests urgently call for attention by this department. Hawaii and the West India Islands depend almost exclusively for their prosperity upon their agricultural productions. It behooves the department, therefore, to place itself at the earliest moment possible in a position to extend to the agriculturists of those territories which have or may come under the United States flag, the services and benefits which it renders to the farmers of the United States.

"On the practicability of exporting dairy products the secretary says that, owing to a better home demand, it is not commercially profitable to send butter to Europe just now, and that it is necessary to obtain the supply. For the purpose of obtaining for dairymen all the facts relating to the export of this article, the department sent an agent to Paris to ascertain what encouragement there would be to ship butter to that port, and an agent to Hamburg to ascertain the facts regarding customs duties as well as prohibitions and other difficulties that might meet exporters of butter to Germany. It was found that no line of steamers sailing to French ports carried refrigerated refrigerators, so that shipment could not be made during hot weather. The trade in American farm products is growing in the Philippines, and in order that markets may be opened in Japan, China and other countries of the Pacific Ocean, an agent is now in that region establishing agencies to which the department will make trial shipments and gather all information possible for the American producer."

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BLANCO SAYS GOOD-BYE TO HAVANA.

Sails for Spain With His Staff—Not Much Ceremony When He Leaves.

HAVANA (Special.)—The Spanish marshal Villaverde, with Marshal Blanco, the former captain-general of Cuba, and his suite on board left Havana at 1 A. M. Wednesday.

The departure of Marshal Blanco was not accompanied by the pomp and ceremony marking similar events in previous years. On returning from paying a farewell visit from his life-long friend, Count Lambillio, the former captain general found assembled at the palace Generals Castellanos, Pardo, Ruiz, Ruberter and his suite, the civil governor and other military and civil officials.

After a long conference with his successor, General Castellanos, Marshal Blanco left the palace, accompanied by the general mentioned, and drove to the Caballero wharf, where he was met by Admiral Matorra, the Spanish naval commander here, who placed the admiralty launch Esperanza at his disposal.

The admiral accompanied the marshal on the Villaverde. An affectionate farewell took place on the wharf between Marshal Blanco and a number of his old friends, and he warmly embraced General Ruberter, his old companion-in-arms and trusted friend. Only personal friends and a few of the crowd usual on such occasions waiting to see him for the last time. A body of troops, however, to do military honors to the former captain general, was present. As soon as Marshal Blanco arrived on board the Villaverde the vessel weighed anchor.

Sailing with Marshal Blanco are Generals Bernal and Tejada, Colonels Cavallos, Pagiury, Tuser and Domercio, and several other officers of lesser rank belonging to his personal staff.

Leutenant Colonel J. G. Delgado has been appointed chief of police of Havana, succeeding Colonel Padriera.

Messrs. Gould and Garrison continue to distribute the supplies brought by the Bratton, and are displaying great activity in relieving distress. They have already visited Marie, Mariano and Matanzas. Many more cargoes of supplies will be necessary if any substantial good is to be accomplished, as the want and distress in all parts of the island are literally fearful.

NEW ENGLAND WRECKS.

Reports Show That 56 Vessels Have Been Destroyed.

BOSTON, Mass., (Special.)—Reports show that 56 vessels have been totally wrecked, while 49 are ashore with hardly a chance of being saved.

Of the 56 total wrecks, barges not included, 43 craft aggregate 12,208 gross tonnage. Of those in perilous positions 23 aggregate 7,159 tons.

About 200 lives are lost according to present indications.

The steamer Orion, Captain Smith, reached here after a eventful passage from Newport News, during which she lost the barge Ocean Belle for Province, and the Enos Soule, for this port. The crew of the Ocean Belle, four men, were saved. The fate of those on the Soule is not known.

The freight steamer Brookline arrived at her wharf 48 hours late on her passage from Port Antonio, Jamaica. On the evening of the 27th, when off Cape Hatteras, the Brookline ran into the gale, which pounded the vessel so that it was necessary to leave for 26 hours. First Officer Holville was seriously injured through being thrown down by a heavy sea.

There appears to be little basis for apprehension as to the safety of the steamer Gate City, of the Savannah Line, in spite of the report which reached here that a life preserver bearing the name of the steamer had been picked up on Cape Cod.

The steamer Chattahoochee, which just arrived, reports having passed the Gate City off Montauk Point, Long Island, and that there was nothing amiss with the Savannah Liner, as far as could be observed.

Advices received from Savannah state that the steamship Gate City, which left Boston on Saturday for that place was sighted off Long Island by the steamer Chattahoochee. Both steamers belong to the Ocean Steamship Company. No apprehension for the Gate City's safety is felt in Savannah.

RELIEF EXPEDITION WRECKED.

Party Sent to Search for Andree Cast Away on an Island.

London, (Special.)—A special dispatch from Yenisek, on the River Yenisek, in Eastern Siberia, announces the arrival at the mouth of the Yenisek of an expedition that had gone in search of Herr Andree, the aeronaut, who ascended in his balloon in July of last year from Spitzbergen, with the intention of crossing the polar regions, in search of the north pole.

The expedition was wrecked while crossing from the delta of the River Lena to the River Olenek, which flows into the Arctic Ocean, southwest of Bennet and Delong Islands, but managed to reach an uninhabited island, about 120 miles from the mouth of the Olenek.

There the party was icebound for seven days before it was succeeded.

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

Governor Piaggio's collection of war scrap books is of enormous proportions.

Two descendants of Christopher Columbus are said to be in the Cadiz poorhouse.

Patrick Williamson, who lives on Boyd's Creek, Ky., recently cast his 69th consecutive Democratic vote.

The decoration of the Third Order of the Rising Sun will be conferred upon Prof. Alexander Graham Bell by Japan.

"There is only one thing I enjoy more than singing," said Jean de Reeske, the other day. "That one thing is bicycling."

It is said that Lord Rosebery's conscious affection of Sir Robert Peel's peculiarities of manner and speech is continually increasing.

Rev. Joseph H. Ryan, D. D., has resigned the rectorship of St. Mark's, in the Bowery, New York, after an incumbency of 27 years.

Walter McWhirrel, a life convict in the penitentiary of Kingston, Montreal, sentenced for the murder of an old man and his daughter, says he is a son of the late Lord Kinnaird.

William Tappert, the Berlin writer on musical subjects, has just published a list of 54 musical settings that have been made of Goethe's ballad, "Der Erlkonig." The first was made by Corona Schroter.

The Episcopal Bishops of Winchester and Rochester, England, are often seen in company on "golfing expeditions, and the Roman Catholic Bishops of Limerick and Clonme, Ireland, spend their vacations on bicycling tours.

Walter Savage Landor has a rival in Rev. H. D. DeLoach, an American missionary, who declares himself the only white man who ever saw the Grand Liama of Tibet.

A UNION COLLAPSES.

United States of Central America Dissolved.

LASTED ONE MONTH.

The Outbreak Proved Too Much for the Federal Authorities and They Had to Acknowledge Their Weakness—Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua are Separated Again.

Managua, Nicaragua, (By Cable.)—The attempt to effect a coalition between the States of Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador, to be conducted under a common administration and known as the United States of Central America, has failed completely.

The federal organizers formally declared the union dissolved, the three States resuming, respectively, absolute sovereignty.

The collapse is due to the failure of the troops of Honduras, acting in behalf of the federal organizers, to suppress the outbreak in Salvador against the proposed federation to force Salvador into the union.

The prospects are peaceful. The coalition lasted nominally one month. The new regime was ushered by elaborate celebrations at Amapala November 1. Under the proposed form of government the administration was to pass into the control of representatives from each of the three republics.

Dr. Salvador Callego, of Salvador; Senor Higuera Arguiz, of Honduras, and Dr. Manuel Corroel Matus, of Nicaragua.

These were to continue in power until March 14 next, when they were to elect a President of the United States of Central America, to hold office four years. It was understood that the three States had virtually agreed upon Senor J. Rosa Pascoe, of Salvador, for the executive chair. In the meantime the Presidents of the three republics were each to assume the grade of governor and there was to be an election in Salvador, where the principal gubernatorial aspirants were Gen. Thomas Regalado, Horacio Vilicencio and Carlos Melendez, the first named being the most popular candidate.

From the outset the Salvadorians opposed the coalition, as under the terms of union the expense of maintaining the federal government would have fallen chiefly upon them. General Regalado headed an insurrection, whose avowed purpose was to defeat the plans of the federal organizers. President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, declined to allow the Nicaraguan troops to suppress the outbreak and the task was assigned to the army of Honduras. The Honduras force entered Salvador, but was compelled to retire unsuccessful, thus unable to bring Salvador into the union, the promoters of the coalition scheme abandoned it.

DOWNFALL OF GUTIERREZ.

Defeat by Regalado Was Brought About by Opposition to New Union.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)—Word has been received here that President Gutierrez, of Salvador, has given way to General Regalado, who has formed a provisional government.

Members of the party of President Iglesias, of Costa Rica, construe the uprising as the death blow to the Central American union. One of the chief officials of the party said the union was designed for the sole purpose of keeping in power the three rulers of the states entering the union—Zelaya, of Nicaragua; Bonilla, of Honduras, and Gutierrez, of Salvador. This official said he understood that in the uprising General Regalado, who led the movement, had on his flags words signifying his purpose to oppose the union and to demand the separate sovereignty of Salvador.

Much curiosity is aroused as to the whereabouts of former President Gutierrez, as the reports do not say what has become of him. One of the officials here believes that Gutierrez has been allowed to escape.

The United States government did not recognize the "United States of Central America," it did not recognize the "Greater Republic," except in a provisional fashion. It absolutely professed any interests which this country or any of its citizens might hold in the shape of concessions. The failure of the State Department to recognize the combination probably went far toward causing the dissolution of the Greater Republic, and the substitution for it of the United States of Central America, a combination which it was believed by its projectors would meet the objections made by this government to the former union.

FILIPINOS WANT TO FIGHT.

Decline to Permit Their Homes to be Bought and Sold.

Manila, (Special.)—The independent party of the Philippines is not disposed to accept the result