

A NEW DEVICE TO STOP SEA DISASTERS

Great Things Are Claimed For Steamship Brake.

BATTLESHIP INDIANA TO TEST IT.

The brake is an old idea, but has never been tested on a ship so large as the Indiana—Will Be Given a Tryout in Delaware Bay.

Philadelphia (Special).—Marine collisions similar to that which occurred between the trans-Atlantic steamers Republic and Florida, resulting in the sinking of the Republic, will in the future be lessened, if not entirely wiped out, providing a device styled a "steamship brake," which the Navy Department is about to equip the battleship Indiana at League Island Navy Yard, proves successful.

The ship brake, which is said to be one of the most wonderful devices of its kind ever invented, will be attached to the sides of the Indiana amidships this week. By its use, it is said, a steamer can be brought to a stop within a few seconds after the brake is applied. Assistant Naval Constructor Reed, of the League Island Navy Yard, declared that the device is expected to prove highly valuable in cases of emergency, where it is necessary to bring a vessel to a sudden stop, will lessen the danger of grounding on shoals and in shallow waters and is also expected to prevent collisions in foggy weather.

To give the brake a severe test the Navy Department has selected the Indiana, a 15,000-ton vessel, for the first experiment, and, if the device proves its value, other vessels in the navy, especially those equipped with turbine engines, will receive the brake. That the Government is especially interested in the brake is evident from the fact that orders were received at League Island to go ahead in attaching it with all haste. It is planned to have the test made in the Delaware Bay, with the Secretary of the Navy and other Government officials present to witness the experiment.

In discussing the brake and its workings, Assistant Constructor Reed said:

"The brake is an old idea, but has never been tested on a ship so large as the Indiana. The Canadian Government recently equipped a small Government steamship and a merchant vessel with the brake and the experiment proved highly successful. The brake is not only expected to lessen the danger of collisions, but will also, it is thought, be the means of turning a big vessel in small space and with little effort. The mechanism of the brake will be operated by pneumatic control. On the flying bridge of the Indiana, the station of the officers of the deck, will be levers which will release the triggers of the brake, which hold the device against the side of the battleship, and, by hydraulic power, the swinging doors, which form the brakes, will open. Attached to the sides of the brakes are cylinders in a rectangular position working on piston rods, which connect with the brake proper. Each cylinder is filled with water and when the brakes are set loose the rush of water against them, with the hydraulic pressure on the water-filled cylinders, bring the vessel to a stop."

ITALY SHAKEN AGAIN.

Refugees Are Thrown Into A Panic—Relief Work Goes On.

Rome (By Cable).—A slight earthquake shock was felt at Siena and neighboring villages. The disturbance was particularly noticeable at Cetona, where the 1,500 refugees living in huts at the foot of Mount Cetona, were thrown into a panic. No damage resulted from the shock. The work of relief is now taking on a more substantial and organized form. Various committees are planning the rebuilding of entire villages and quarters of towns, to which special names will be given in honor of their new founders. It is being planned also to erect institutions for children made orphans by the disaster, where the inmates will be taught industrial pursuits. One of these institutions, which will be built with American funds, and where one hundred orphans will be quartered, will be given an American name.

TO MAKE ROOSEVELT A ROMAN.

Tribuna Says "Gigantic Foreigner" Deserves It.

Rome (Special).—The Tribuna proposes that Roman citizenship be conferred upon President Roosevelt as a manifestation of gratitude for the help given by the United States on the occasion of the earthquake. The Tribuna says: "We cannot give anything else, but it is impossible to give more. This gigantic foreigner deserves to be a Roman citizen, while such an act, truly Roman, coming from the immortal Capital, would be the seal of renewed friendship between the great ancient and modern peoples."

Comer's Sons Knock Editor Down.

Montgomery, Ala. (Special).—Fletcher and Donald Comer, sons of Governor Comer, knocked down Frank P. Glass, editor of the Montgomery Advertiser, when they met him on the street. No arrests have been made, though warrants for the Comers have been issued. The trouble was a result of ill feeling over a damage suit in which the Governor secured a verdict for 1 cent against the Advertiser.

QUAKE REPORTS DISCREDITED

Destruction of Barcelona, Spain Said To Be "Absolutely Untrue."

Were Slight Shocks at Totana and Olias Only.

Madrid (Special).—No further news has been received here regarding the reported destruction of the village of Romara, in Morocco. Natives coming into Tetuan declared that this village has been buried under an avalanche of earth and rocks, and that the dead and injured number 100. These statements are similar to previous reports received a week ago.

Further reports from the provinces confirm the previous statement that there have been no serious earthquakes in Spain. There were slight shocks at Totana and Olias only.

The reports of a tidal wave probably are based on dispatches that have been received from the Canarian coast during the last fortnight or so to the effect that little by little the sea was encroaching on the land. Up to the present time the damage from this advance has been insignificant.

A message has just been received here from Barcelona saying the reports of a disastrous earthquake and tidal wave at that city are absolutely untrue.

BETRAYED BY HIS WIFE.

Alabama Man Charged With Murdering Family Of Five.

Huntsville, Ala. (Special).—Robert Clement was arrested at Woods Mills, in Morgan County, on the charge of murdering Tom Edmondson and his family.

Edmondson, his wife, mother and two children were killed and the bodies burned when the house and barn were fired.

Clement's wife betrayed him. She said Edmondson came home and found Clement and Mrs. Edmondson together. A quarrel ensued and both Edmondson and his wife were slain.

Clements then killed the mother and two children, according to Mrs. Clements, and on the following night he returned to the place and burned the buildings, into which the bodies had been carried.

GARFIELD TO PRACTICE LAW.

He Will Be Neither Cabinet Minister Nor Ambassador.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The definite statement can be made that James R. Garfield, Secretary of the Interior, will not be a member of the Cabinet of the next Administration. Neither will he be an Ambassador to a foreign country. There is almost as good authority for saying that there will be a clean sweep of the present Cabinet, unless it should be Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Postmaster General Meyer. There is said to be much doubt as to Mr. Wilson.

FIRE IN SUTRO MINE TUNNEL.

Damage To Comstock Mine Drain Easily Repaired.

Virginia City, Nev. (Special).—Fire which broke out in the great Sutro tunnel, which drains all the Comstock mines, was brought under control, but until a large amount of timbering and the combination drift had been done. The damage can be repaired in a few days. The men who were overcome revived after a few hours. The tunnel was drawn by the late Alfred Sutro.

Medal For Operator Binns.

Paris (Special).—As a result of the maritime committee of the Chamber of Deputies making a request of the Government to recognize the heroism of John R. Binns, the Marconi operator on board the White Star liner Republic when she was cut down by the Italian steamship Florida, the Government has decided to award Binns a special life-saving medal.

Shoots Baby Brother In Cradle.

Bloomsburg, Pa. (Special).—While playing with a rifle, John, the 4-year-old son of H. S. Shoemaker, of Limeridge, near here, shot and instantly killed his brother Harold, aged 1 year. The accident occurred in the home of the children, and Harold, when shot, was lying in his cradle.

IN THE WORLD OF FINANCE

Samuel Newhouse has retired from the Nipissing.

Before retiring as president of the Santa Fe Gold and Copper Company Mr. Harriman said: "There has been a gratifying increase in the tonnage of developed ore in the mine, the greater part of this ore having been found in hitherto unexplored grounds."

Output of Federal Smelting & Refining is 11,000 tons of concentrates a month.

There is no longer any doubt about the American Smelting Company's rival. The new International Company is progressing rapidly in the way of acquiring the new properties and making developments.

Rawhide Coalition is considering a proposition to build a reduction plant with a capacity of 100 tons daily.

Ore prices at Joplin, Mo., the leading lead and zinc center of the United States, have declined.

Virginia Carolina Chemical is tipped for a dividend between now and May 1.

Foreign Government bonds are not going very well abroad. The new Russian loan has sold below its issue price. London underwriters had to take 59 per cent. of Canada's \$30,000,000 3 1/2 per cent. loan. These bonds are also selling at a discount.

HEAVY DAMAGES FOR BIG LINER'S LOSS

The Republic's Owners Want Two Million Dollars.

PUT BLAME ON THE FLORIDA.

Libel Suit Grows Out of Sensational Wreck of the White Star Line Ship at Last Saturday—Each Captain Shifts the Blame, Claiming It Was Running at Moderate Speed.

New York (Special).—The Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, which owns the steamship Republic, sunk off Nantucket Shoals lightship in collision with the Italian steamship Florida, filed a libel against the latter vessel in the admiralty branch of the United States District Court. Damages in the sum of \$2,000,000 are demanded for the loss of the ship, her equipment, stores, and for the loss of the cargo and personal effects of the master, officers, crew and passengers of an estimated value of supplies freight and passage money, all of \$500,000.

The owners of the Florida, the Lloyd Italiano Societa Di Navigazione, stole a march on the owners of the Republic by filing before hand in the same court a libel and petition against the Florida for limitation of the vessel's liability and then securing a restraining order from Judge Adams, staying all proceedings against the Florida growing out of her collision with the Republic. This restraining affects at least temporarily the libel filed by the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company.

The libel and petition filed by the Italian corporation says that the Florida is 5,118 tons gross, and 3,231 tons net, register; 281 feet in length, and 48 feet beam. She is registered in Naples and sailed from that port for New York January 10 with 324 stowage, and 14 cabin, passengers, besides a cargo consisting principally of macaroni. All went well until the collision with the Republic on the morning of January 23. There was a dense fog at the time, and the Florida was proceeding slowly, blowing her fog whistles at frequent intervals.

The captain and chief officer were on the bridge, a competent quartermaster was at the wheel and lookout, which had been doubled on account of the fog, were properly stationed. Fog blasts were being given every minute and a half, says the libel, and in return the fog whistles of the Republic were heard "somewhere off the starboard bow." The Florida's engines were immediately reversed and two signals of three whistles each were blown to indicate that her engines were going astern. When the Republic was first seen she was crossing the Florida's bow from starboard to port and the latter boat's helm was promptly ported with the intention of swinging her how to starboard to avoid a collision if possible. The Italian's bow struck the Republic on the port side somewhat aft of amidships.

After the collision, the libel continues, the speed of the Republic carried her out of sight in the fog. After patching up her damage as much as possible, the Florida started on a search for the other boat. The libel then states that the collision occurred without any fault on the part of the Florida or those navigating her, but was solely due to the faults of the Republic and her officers, which are enumerated under several heads.

Not being responsible in any way for the collision, the petitioner claims the benefit of the limitation of liability as provided for in sections 4,283, 4,284 and 4,285 of the Revised Statutes of the United States. The court is asked to direct the seizure and attachment of the vessel by the marshal, and this was done by United States Marshal Henkel. The court is also asked to appoint a trustee to take charge of the Florida and also a commissioner to take proof of claims. This has not yet been done. The bond for the owners was given by Oscar L. Richard in the sum of \$24,000.

In the libel filed by the owners of the Republic it is stated that the fault of the collision lies wholly with the Florida in that she did not keep a proper course; that she did not keep out of the course of the Republic, whose bows she was crossing; that she did not have a proper lookout and did not give proper signals or whistles; that she did not give proper heed to the whistles of the Republic; that she failed by whistles to indicate the change of helm; that she was proceeding at immoderate speed and did not stop her engines on first hearing the Republic's whistles; and that she did not port her helm, but instead starboarded it, thereby thwarting all efforts of the Republic to avoid her.

SHE WILL WED AT 101 YEARS.

Mother Of 18 Children To Marry For The Fourth Time.

Charlotte, N. C. (Special).—Lettie Baldwin, a colored woman of Ashboro, presented herself for a license for her fourth marriage. She stated that she professed religion seven years before the Civil War, and at the close of the war had nine children.

Investigation authentically established the fact that she is 101 years old, and is the mother of eighteen children. Tom Pike, the bridegroom, is 45.

Legal Holiday On Lincoln Day.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—By the provisions of a joint resolution, proposed by Mr. McCall, of Massachusetts, and passed by the House of Representatives, the twelfth of February, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, is declared to be a public holiday in the territories and the District of Columbia, and the President is authorized to issue a proclamation to give effect to the joint resolution.

MR. TAFT'S CABINET HAS BEEN FORMED

Believed the President-Elect Has List in His Pocket.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Secretary of State, Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania. Secretary of the Treasury, Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio. Secretary of War, Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee. Attorney General, George W.ickersham, of New York. Postmaster General, Frank H. Hitchcock, of Massachusetts. Secretary of the Navy, George Von L. Meyer, of Massachusetts. Secretary of the Interior, Richard A. Ballinger, of Washington. Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson, of Iowa. Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Charles Nagel, of Missouri.

When President-elect Taft sailed from Charleston for Panama it is believed that he carried in his inside pocket the make-up of his Cabinet, to be made public on the 4th of March. Senator Knox, who is on his way to Washington, after a conference with Mr. Taft, is believed to carry with him a duplicate of the list.

COMPARES SELF TO PROPHET.

Carrie Nation Coolly Accepts Eggs Of London Crowd.

London (Special).—"They stoned the prophets of old and I guess I ought not to object to a few eggs," was Carrie Nation's comment on the sudden ending of her advertised meeting at Canterbury Music Hall. She had scarcely begun her harangue when a shower of eggs fell around and on her. The curtain was rung down immediately.

"The managers," she said, "promised me that they would see that I got protection when appearing on the stage. London is mad because I say that it is the worst place on earth."

BRIDE WAS FACING DEATH.

Hugh Donch Married To Miss Robertson At Midnight.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Married at midnight upon what is believed will prove her deathbed, Ethel D. Robertson, 16 years old, became the bride of Hugh P. Donch, 18 years old. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. B. McLaughlin at the bride's home, 113 C Street, northeast. The nuptials were carried through at the unusual hour and under the circumstances because it was feared the girl would die before morning. The young bride is the daughter of Henry T. Robertson.

CHICAGO "BIGGEST" AGAIN.

"Smokiest," Says Inspector, Who Talks Of "Fresh-Air Diseases."

Chicago (Special).—Chicago is the smokiest city in the world. The smoke inspector says so. "This fact," he declares, "is proved by the reports of the Health Department, which show that 'fresh-air diseases' are going up, while other diseases are on the down grade.

"Smoke seems to penetrate everywhere in Chicago. It gets into the stores, warehouses, storage rooms and on bargain counters, and the ruin it causes is enormous."

The annual loss to manufactured articles is said to be \$50,000,000.

DR. WILEY MAY BE EDITOR.

Chicago Hears He Will Resign To Join Food Magazine Staff.

Chicago (Special).—It is currently reported here, but not confirmed, that Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the Government Bureau of Chemistry, will retire soon from his present position and that he will immediately take an editorial position with What-to-Eat, a magazine published here and devoted to the cause of pure foods.

The editor and one of the publishers is Paul Pierce, who was a leader in the movement against adulterated foods. The magazine has sustained Dr. Wiley in the conduct of his office.

SOCIETY GIRL DOG CATCHER.

Miss Mathewson, Of Los Angeles, Applies For Pound Job.

Los Angeles, Cal. (Special).—Miss Helen Mathewson wants to be pound mistress of the city of Los Angeles. The Council will be asked to make the appointment at its next session. Miss Mathewson, who is young and pretty and a society woman, is president of the Humane Animal League, which has undertaken to manage the pound and collect dog licenses.

Bank Cashier Kills Himself.

Portsmouth, Iowa (Special).—C. S. Scroggins, for 18 years cashier of the State Bank of Portsmouth, committed suicide by shooting. He was found seated in the bank with overcoat and cap on. A state bank examiner was at work on the books of the bank, but no unfavorable showing had been found.

Donnelly As Public Printer.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The Senate confirmed the nomination of Samuel B. Donnelly, of New York, to be public printer. The Senate Committee on Printing investigated charges that upon assuming the management of the government Printing Office, Mr. Donnelly had discharged a number of non-union men without cause. The charges were found to be without foundation.

THE NEW CUBAN REGIME BEGINS

Havana Illuminated and Farewell Honors to Magoon.

DECORATE WRECK OF OLD MAINE.

Brilliant Ball Is Tendered to American and Cuban Officials—Elaborate Illuminations Make the City of Havana Look Like a Fairyland—Magoon Sails for Home.

HISTORY OF U. S. IN CUBA.

February 15, 1898, Maine blown up in Havana harbor, killing two officers and 270 men.

April 21, 1898, diplomatic relations with Spain severed.

July 3, 1898, naval battle off Santiago; Spanish fleet destroyed.

July 26, 1898, Spain sues for peace.

December 10, 1898, peace treaty signed; United States assumes direction of Cuban affairs.

December 13, 1898, Gen. Leonard Wood appointed military governor of Cuba.

February 21, 1901, constitution adopted.

February 24, 1902, Estrada Palma elected president.

December 1, 1905, Palma re-elected president.

August, 1906, revolution breaks out following dissatisfaction of election in 1905.

September 29, 1906, Taft becomes military governor of Cuba.

October, 1906, Charles E. Magoon becomes provisional governor.

January 28, 1909, President Gomez inaugurated.

Havana (Special).—The festivities attending the inauguration of the new Cuban government, began with a brilliant illumination of the city and a farewell ball tendered by the mayor and council of Havana in honor of Governor Magoon, President-elect Gomez, and the American officials who served as provisional authorities.

The illuminations probably were the most elaborate ever seen here. The money provided for the purpose was subscribed unstintingly and the parks and the principal thoroughfares of the city were transformed into a veritable fairyland. In Central Park and stretching down the Prado to the sea thousands of vari-colored bulbs gleamed among coconut palms and laurel trees, making the scene one of rare beauty. The streets were crowded with a holiday throng, among which were hundreds of American tourists.

The triumphal arch attracted the attention of the sightseers who swarmed about it, seriously interfering with the workmen. The Cubans seem just awakening to the fact that their second period of independence is at hand, and for the first time are showing interest in the trend of affairs.

Ball Held In Palace.

The ball was a brilliant function. It was attended by the American officials, the new island authorities, members of the diplomatic corps, special ambassadors and leaders of society.

It was held in the large and beautiful ballroom of the Circle Dependientes, or Clerks' Club which is a unique organization with the enormous membership of 34,000. The club building, which faces an entire block, is a palace.

General Gomez took the oath from the chief justice of the Supreme Court and made a brief address to the populace from the balcony of the palace. In the reception-room of the palace Governor Magoon read the order of President Roosevelt restoring the island and its affairs to the newly elected government.

A notable ceremony was the decorating of the old battleship Maine with elaborate wreaths of earlands and hoisting at halfmast on the protruding military top a new American flag. This idea originated among the crew of the new battleship Maine, which now is in the harbor, who subscribed \$150 for the flowers and greens.

BROKE HIS BABY'S NECK.

Father Was Only Trying To Break Its Temper.

Kansas City, Mo. (Special).—John Dave Stewart came home at night after his day's work was ended, tired, and was disturbed by the crying of his little girl, ten months old. He set out "to break its temper." He choked the baby, shook it hard one night and then slammed it down on the bed.

Baby's temper was broken. So was its neck. The coroner and the doctors said Stewart killed his child. Stewart pleaded not guilty, but in the criminal court he withdrew his plea and substituted that of manslaughter in the fourth degree. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Baby Emperor Has Smallpox.

London (Special).—Cabling from Peking, the correspondent of the Times says that the infant Chinese Emperor is suffering from confluent smallpox.

A Button In His Heart.

Denver (Special).—An autopsy on the body of Fred Pompleitz, who was found dead under circumstances indicating foul play last week, revealed a medical curiosity. An ordinary black waist button was found lodged in the right auricle of his heart. The button was bent and warped and the doctors say that it had been in the man's heart for a long time. How it got there is a mystery.

CHILDREN ARE THE WARDS OF THE NATION

Congress Agrees On Methods For Their Care.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—

Advanced steps of far-reaching significance to the future well being of the children of the country were taken at the concluding session of the conference on the care of the dependent children held in this city. Voicing the unanimous sentiment of nearly 200 delegates, the conference adopted a comprehensive report of its conclusions as to the most practical plan for promoting the welfare of the neglected child.

One of the most important recommendations contained in the report which was submitted to President Roosevelt at a notable subscription dinner given by the conference at the New Willard requested the President to send a message to Congress urging the establishment of a federal children's bureau, one of whose objects shall be to disseminate accurate information in regard to child-caring work and the needs of the children. The report embodies the conclusions of a two-day deliberation by the most prominent charity workers and others, and it deals with every phase of the problem of caring for the dependent child.

The banquet at night was a fitting climax to what is regarded as the most important gathering ever held in the interest of the nation's dependent children. President Roosevelt, who initiated the great movement, listened with close attention to the reading of the report, and then gave expression to his own views on the question.

Another important recommendation which the President was urged to impress upon Congress was for the enactment of such legislation as will bring the laws and public administration of the District of Columbia and other federal territories into harmony with the conclusions adopted by the conference.

Briefly summarized, the conclusions of the conference are as follows: Children of worthy parents should, as a rule, be kept with their parents; homeless and neglected children, if normal, should be cared for in families; when practicable, child-caring institutions should be of the cottage plan; states should inspect all agencies caring for dependent children; educational work or institutions caring for dependent children should be supervised by state educational authorities; agencies caring for children should cooperate to ascertain and control causes of dependency; a permanent organization for work along the line of this declaration is desirable; prohibitive legislation against transfer of dependent children between states should be repealed; cooperation between child-caring agencies, and more thorough precautions for surgical and medical care of children in all institutions.

WASHINGTON BY TELEGRAPH

There were 734 persons killed and 16,545 injured on railroads in the United States during July, August and September last, according to an Interstate Commerce Commission report.

Secretary Straus gave official figures to show that Japanese immigration is decreasing, while many Japs are going home from this country.

Consideration of the Army Appropriation Bill was begun in the House. As reported, the bill carries an appropriation of \$98,396,906.

The President signed a proclamation adding more than 350,000 acres to the Cleveland National Forest in Southern California.

The Senate committee recommended an indefinite postponement of the bill to amend the Sherman anti-trust law.

Mr. Roosevelt will not return to the White House with President Taft after the inauguration.

Secretary Garfield asked the House subcommittee for \$1,000,000 to prosecute the land fraud cases.

The President nominated Alford W. Cooley, of New York, to be assistant attorney general.

President Roosevelt sent to Congress a message approving the recommendation of Governor Magoon that an appropriation be made to remove the wreck of the battleship Maine.

Committee hearings have been held on several bills pending before the Senate for the relief of delinquent water right applicants and of settlers on arid lands.

The Senate confirmed the nominations of Robert Bacon to be secretary of state and John Callan O'Loughlin to be assistant secretary of state.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations voted to report favorably an arbitration treaty between the United States and Brazil.

Vice President Fairbanks named Senator Burrows and Senator Tillman as members of the board of visitors to the Naval Academy.

Representative Rainey, of Illinois, made a bitter attack upon President Roosevelt. President-elect Taft and William Nelson Cromwell in connection with the Panama Canal purchase.

The Senate Committee on Immigration authorized a favorable report on the nomination of Daniel J. Keefe to be commissioner general of immigration.

Secretary Root has refused to extradite Christian Rudowick, the Russian, for whom the Russian government has made vigorous representations.

The Senate Special Committee on the Judiciary decided that the Attorney General need not give the Senate information about the steel merger.