

SIX WAR SHIPS SUNK.

American and German Vessels Lost Off Samoa.

Many Officers and Men of Both Nationalities Drowned.

Dispatches from Samoa state that the American men-of-war Trenton, Vandalla and Nipic and the German men-of-war Adler, Olga and Eber were driven on a reef during a violent storm and totally wrecked. Of the American crews four officers and forty-six men were drowned, and of the German crews nine officers and eighty-seven men lost their lives.

The storm occurred on March 16. It was also reported that sixteen merchantmen were lost.

The American war ships wrecked were attached to the Pacific station under command of Rear Admiral Lewis A. Kimberly, whose staff is as follows: Captain Norman H. Farquhar, chief of station; Lieutenant Henry O. Rittenhouse, flag lieutenant; Lieutenant Greenleaf A. Merriam, secretary.

The Trenton was a ship-rigged wooden cruiser, and was built in 1874. Her displacement was 2000 tons. In 1881 she was made the flagstaff of the European squadron, and continued in that capacity up to the time of this disaster.

The Trenton was considered the best wooden vessel in the navy. She was built at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The Nipic was the best known of the United States war vessels at Samoa. She was put in commission a year and a half ago, arriving at Apia last November.

She had long been rated in naval circles as a second-rate cruiser, having a wooden hull bark rigged. She carried six guns, mostly smooth bore, in her main battery. She had a displacement of 1500 tons.

The complement of the Nipic was 174 marines and blue jackets, although some of her short time men were sent home from Samoa when the Adams left for San Francisco in January last.

The Vandalla was a bark-rigged wooden cruiser (second rate), with a displacement of 1800 tons. She was rebuilt in 1874, and in 1881 belonged to the North American squadron.

She carried a battery of eight guns, mostly smooth bore 9-inch Dahlgren's for her broadside battery and two Parrot rifles for pivots.

The Olga had been the most formidable of the German vessels at Apia. She is unarmored and unprotected, a single deck cruiser, built in 1880, and equipped with a battery of eight six-inch Krupp rifles and a number of Hotchkiss revolving cannon. She had a speed of fourteen knots and a crew of 357 men. Her displacement was 2200 tons.

The German war vessels Adler and Eber were inferior to the Olga both in size and strength. The Adler carried four Krupp guns and the Eber carried three.

The Eber was equipped for torpedo service. Captain Fritz, who commanded the Adler, was one of the seamen and fighters of whom Germany was proud.

Further Details.

Further particulars of the disastrous storm at Apia, Samoa, have just been received. The hurricane burst upon the harbor suddenly.

The German man-of-war Eber was the first vessel to drag her anchor. She became unmanageable and was driven helplessly on the reef which runs around the harbor. She struck broadside on, at 6 o'clock in the morning.

The shock caused her to lurch and to stagger back, and she sank in a moment in deep water. Most of her men were under hatches, and scarcely a soul of them escaped.

The German war ship Adler was the next to succumb. She was lifted bodily by a gigantic wave and cast on her beam ends on the reef.

A terrible struggle for life ensued among the officers and sailors aboard. Many plunged into the raging surf and struck out, some reaching the shore in safety. Others clung to the rigging until the masts fell. Of those who gained the shore safely, the captain of the Adler and several other officers were saved.

In the meantime the United States warship Nipic had been dragging her anchors and drifting toward the shore. The captain, however, managed to keep control and ran her on a sandbank.

Boats were immediately lowered, and the whole company were saved, with the exception of six men, who were drowned by the capsizing of a boat.

The United States vessel Vandalla was carried before the gale right upon the reef. She struck with a terrible shock, and the captain was hurled against a Gatling gun attached.

Before he could recover a great sea swept the deck and washed him away. The vessel sank fifty yards from the Nipic. Several of the officers and men were washed overboard and drowned. Others perished by making desperate efforts to swim to the shore.

Some remained for hours clinging to the rigging, but heavy waves dashed unceasingly over them, and one by one they were swept away.

By this time night had set in. Many natives and Europeans had gathered on the shore, and all were anxious to render assistance to the wrecked vessels and their unfortunate crews, but darkness having fallen on the scene, they were wholly unable to do so.

Soon after the Vandalla had sunk, the American warship Trenton broke from her anchorage and was driven upon the wreck of the Vandalla, whence she drifted to the shore. The bottom of the Trenton was completely stove and her hold was half full of water.

An morning broke the German man-of-war Olga, which had hitherto bravely withstood the gale, although much battered by the heavy seas that constantly broke upon her, became unmanageable and was driven upon the beach, where she lay in a tolerably favorable position.

The following is a record of the officers and men lost:

Adler—The Captain, four officers and forty men.

Nipic—Seven men.

Adler—Altogether fifteen persons.

Matatafa sent a number of men, who rendered splendid aid in trying to float the Olga.

The Vandalla lost four officers namely: Captain Schomaker, Lieutenant Stanton, Paymaster Arms, Pay Clerk Roach.

A dispatch from Admiral Kimberly in command of the squadron says:

"There was a hurricane at Apia. Every vessel in the harbor is on shore, except the English man-of-war Calliope, which got to sea. The Trenton and Vandalla are total losses. The Nipic is beached, and her rudder gone. She may be saved but the chances are against it."

LATER NEWS.

A CHALLENGE to the New York Yacht Club to contest next fall for the possession of the America's cup has been issued by the Earl of Dunraven. The Earl suggests that the contests be three out of five races, and the day of the first race September 30th. His boat is the Valkyrie.

An engine and three coaches fell through a bridge near Queen City, Mo. John Arthur, engineer, and Luther Chamberlain, fireman, were killed.

A DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL was killed by a band of Kentucky outlaws.

JED TWITCHELL, colored, was hung at Chatham, Va., for assault upon a nine-year-old girl.

TWENTY stores and several dwellings were burned in Ashton, Ill. Loss, \$63,000.

E. W. BLANCHARD'S six-story building, filled with inflammable materials, burned in Chicago, causing a loss of \$330,000.

THE President has appointed the three Commissioners who are to treat with the Cherokee Indians for their share of the Oklahoma lands. The gentlemen named are J. Otis Humphrey, of Illinois; Alfred M. Willson, of Arkansas, and ex-Governor George D. Robinson, of Massachusetts.

THE United States Senate has appointed Messrs. Sherman, Dawes, Cullom, Allison, Hampton, Estus, Colquitt and Ingalls as a committee to represent their body at the Washington Centennial celebration in New York.

A WIDESPREAD plot to kill the Czar has been discovered and many arrests made in Russia.

EUCLOGIES on the late John Bright were pronounced in the House of Commons by Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Smith, Lord Hartington, Justin McCarthy and Mr. Chamberlain.

THE French Cabinet has unanimously resolved to prosecute General Boulanger for unpatriotic agitation.

THE Standard Oil Company has purchased the entire Crofton oil field in Pennsylvania.

FLAMES among the oil tanks at Long Island City, N. Y., destroyed property worth \$150,000 and burned one workman to a crisp.

TORIAN SAMMA, a colored man, about thirty-five years old, was murdered in New York city by his brother Reuben, twenty-two years old, with whom he had quarreled.

THE violent wind and snow storm from the northwest, rendering the atmosphere as dense as a London fog, caused five collisions off New York harbor, in which four vessels were wrecked, one life lost and many more jeopardized.

QUEEN VICTORIA cabled a message of sympathy to President Harrison for the loss of life aboard our warships in Samoa and the President sent an appropriate reply.

THE Secretary of the Interior has issued an important order directing that heads of bureaus and other officers of the department will not call for resignations except by direction of the Secretary.

THE widow of General Stonewall Jackson, to whom was tendered the office of postmistress of Lexington, Va., has declined to accept the same.

TERRIBLE prairie fires were raging near Cavour, Dakota.

FIVE companies of troops were in Oklahoma clearing out the invaders.

A DESTRUCTIVE wind storm prevailed in Southern Ohio. Two men were drowned by the capsizing of a small boat near Lawrenceburg, Ohio.

BOTH houses of the Wisconsin Legislature have passed a bill adopting the Australian system of voting.

TWO miners, Hermann Mantl and Peter Jacobson, were instantly killed by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge, which they struck in drilling, in the Copper Falls mine at Houghton, Mich.

THE Belgian mail packet Comesse de Flanders was sunk in collision in the English Channel. Fourteen lives were lost and the mails were lost with the vessel.

THE annual boat race between crews representing Cambridge and Oxford Universities was rowed on the Thames, London, over the usual course, four miles and two furlongs. Cambridge won by three lengths.

THE funeral of John Bright took place. He was buried in the old Quakers' burying ground at Rochdale, England.

LEGITIME has sent a peace commission of three to Cape Haytian by the steamer Delta. The commission is empowered to confer with Hyppolite about establishing some basis of relationship on which the war can be declared off.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK.	
Bees,	5 70 @ 5 15
Milk Cows, com. to good, ..	35 00 @ 45 00
Calves, com. to prime, ..	6 00 @ 6 00
Sheep,	4 50 @ 5 25
Lamb,	3 00 @ 3 50
Hogs—Live,	5 25 @ 5 50
Dressed,	5 40 @ 5 80
Flour—City Mill Extra, ..	4 70 @ 5 00
Patent,	5 25 @ 5 75
Wheat—No. 2 Red,	90 1/2 @ 90 1/2
Rye—State,	— @ 60
Barley—Two-rowed State, ..	1 00 @ 90
Corn—Ungraded Mixed, ..	40 1/2 @ 45
Oats—No. 1 White,	— @ 20
Mixed Western,	20 @ 22
Hay—No. 1,	80 @ 95
Straw—Long Rye,	70 @ 75
Lard—City Steam,	10 @ 10 1/2
Butter—Superior Creamery, ..	36 @ 39 1/2
Dairy fair to good,	18 @ 21
West. Im. Creamery,	15 @ 21
Factory,	13 @ 21
Cheese—State Factory,	11 1/2 @ 12
Skims—Light,	9 1/2 @ 10
Western,	9 1/2 @ 11 1/2
Eggs—State and Penn.,	11 @ 11 1/2

BUFFALO.	
Steep—Western,	2 80 @ 4 25
Sheep—Medium to Good, ..	4 50 @ 4 75
Lamb—Fair to Good,	4 50 @ 4 75
Hogs—Good to Choice Yorks, ..	4 10 @ 5 15
Flour—Family,	5 00 @ 5 25
Wheat—No. 2 Northern,	— @ 1 00 1/2
Oats—No. 2,	35 @ 37 1/2
Barley—State,	60 @ 70

BOSTON.	
Flour—Spring Wheat pat's, ..	6 80 @ 7 50
Corn—Steamer Yellow,	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2
Oats—No. 2,	32 1/2 @ 33
Rye—State,	75 @ 85

WATERTOWN (MASS.) CATTLE MARKET.	
Beef—Dressed weight,	5 1/2 @ 6
Sheep—Live weight,	4 1/2 @ 4 1/2
Lamb,	5 1/2 @ 6 1/2
Hogs—Northern,	— @ 5 1/2

PHILADELPHIA.	
Flour—Fenn, family,	4 80 @ 4 75
Wheat—No. 2, Red, April, ..	91 @ 91
Corn—No. 2, Mixed, April, ..	41 1/2 @ 41 1/2
Oats—Ungraded White,	— @ 35 1/2
Potatoes—Early Rose,	35 @ 38
Butter—Creamery Extra,	— @ 34
Cheese—Farm skims,	6 @ 8

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

R. T. Lincoln for England, Egan for Chili—Pension Commissioner.

ROBERT T. LINCOLN, nominated by the President as United States Minister to England, is the son of the late President Abraham Lincoln, and was born in Springfield, Ill., in 1843. From a local school he was sent to Harvard in 1869, where he graduated in 1874.

He entered the army in the winter of that year as a Captain in General Grant's staff, and took part in the operations which resulted in the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, at which he was present. President Lincoln received the first news of Lee's surrender from his son, who reached Washington April 14. The President was assassinated that evening.

Young Lincoln resigned his commission in the army and entered the law firm of Scammon, McCagg & Fuller, in Chicago. He has continued to practice at the Chicago Bar, with some interruptions, ever since. He went to Europe in 1874, where he remained several months, with Michael Davis, one of the President's cabinet.

President Garfield appointed him Secretary of War in his cabinet in 1881. Since his retirement from that position he has frequently been mentioned as a possible Presidential candidate.

Mr. Lincoln is married to a daughter of ex-Senator Harlan, of Iowa.

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GERMANY has acceded to the request of France for the transfer of the remains of Generals Carnot and Marceau to France.

A PERMANENT association is to be formed in New York to widen the field of trade with Spanish-American States and compete with Europe.

THE State of Massachusetts has granted a charter to the Maine Elevated Railroad Company, which will build an elevated road in Boston.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

THE President has an office cat.

PRINCE MAURICE of Hanau is dead.

KING ALEXANDRIA of Servia is thirteen.

GENERAL BOULANGER will visit London in June.

THE King of Denmark is the Czar's father-in-law.

MISS BRADDON has written over fifty novels.

CARDINAL NEWMAN is now in his eighty-ninth year.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL WANAMAKER is a Presbyterian.

CHEF JUSTICE FULLER is popular with his colleagues.

A son of Charles Dickens is a rising statesman of Australia.

THE King of Greece is an enthusiastic and successful fisherman.

THE Emperor William of Germany will visit Constantinople in the fall.

SENATOR HEARST, of California, has \$100,000 invested in thoroughbred horses.

MR. AND MRS. GLADSTONE are preparing for the celebration of their golden wedding.

A TEXAS postess, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Hart, is said to be a lineal descendant of Walter Scott.

IT is noted that "President Harrison's Sunday mail lies unopened on his desk till Monday morning."

PIERRE LORILLARD, the wealthy tobaccoist, is a great bird fancier and delights in raising pheasants.

ONLY three of the War Governors are now living: Blair, of Michigan; Curtin, of Pennsylvania; and Kirkwood, of Iowa.

CAPTAIN JOHN ERICSSON left an estate valued at about \$150,000, which is divided among his relatives and business associates.

THE wedding of His Grace of Newcastle leaves the Dukes of Portland and Somerset the only bachelor Dukes in the English peerage.

WILLIAM E. BOUDINOT, at whose suggestion the Signal Service was established, has just died at Pittsboro, N. C., at the age of seventy-five years.

MR. CHARLES JOHNSON, aged twenty-three, son of a Kansas City grain dealer, has been in a situation of affairs for Harper's Weekly at a salary of \$10,000 a year.

THE famous French physician, Charcot, the specialist in nervous diseases, has a royal income from his practice. His fee from the Emperor of Brazil alone amounted to \$6000.

THE Emperor of Austria intends to visit England this year in such strict incognito that no one but himself and his attendants will know anything about it till he is at home again.

BISHOP LIGHTFOOT, of Durham, England, makes it a rule to spend his Episcopal income (\$55,000 a year) on church and education, and not a shilling of it has gone into his own pocket.

DR. NATHAN HASEN, of Marshall, Ill., is remarkable as being probably the sole survivor of the battle of Lake Erie, fought September 10, 1813. He served on Perry's flagship, and is now ninety years old.

THE annual sales in Marshall Field's great dry-goods store in Chicago aggregate \$32,000,000. This vast business employs 3000 people and is personally directed by Mr. Field, who is at his desk from 8 o'clock until 5.

MRS. MARGARET E. SANGSTER, has accepted the position of editor of Harper's Bazar, made vacant by the death of Miss Mary L. Booth. Mrs. Sangster has been for several years the "postmistress" of Harper's Young People.

DR. RICHARD M. GATLING, the inventor of the famous gun, is now over 80 years old, with a full gray beard and such a kindly face and mild pair of eyes that no one would ever suspect him as the inventor of murderous war weapons.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

SCOTLAND has a gold fever.

SCARLET FEVER is raging in Chicago.

JAPAN wants more doctors and dentists.

THEY have a fire-brick trust in England.

THERE are several goat ranches in Texas.

THE University of Berlin has 5700 students.

WILD geese are numerous in South Dakota.

THERE are 9000 Chinese in New York city.

GERMANY has 234 inhabitants to the square mile.

IOWA has fifty-five jails without an inmate.

STRIKES are spreading throughout Germany.

THERE are 3486 Browning clubs in this country.

A COAL mine trust of the United Kingdom is proposed.

THE Straits of Mackinaw are already open for navigation.

THE Pope's fainting fits have become more frequent of late.

WILD ducks are swarming on the Kankakee (Ill.) marshes.

THE taxable property of Missouri aggregates \$790,151,100.

ABOUT 8,000,000 acres will soon be added to the public domain.

CHINA and Corea have arrived at an amicable understanding.

CANADA proposes to have another transcontinental railroad.

THE estimate of the total ice harvest of Maine is 1,171,000 tons.

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