

CAPTAIN'S FATAL ERROR

Caused the Disastrous Wreck of the Steamer Alpha.

NINE MEN SACRIFICED LIFE

By Remaining on Board the Doomed Vessel When Rescue Was Offered Them—The Twenty-five Survivors Had a Bitter Experience.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 19.—Late details of the foundering of the steamer Alpha, with the loss of nine lives, indicates that the cause of the disaster was primarily due to taking an unusual course into the coaling station at Union Bay. Encountering a fierce southeast gale while steaming up the strait the captain decided to take what is known as the inside passage to Union Bay, and kept on the inside of Denman Island, steaming up the channel known as Baynes Sound, at the head of which stands Yellow Island lighthouse on a rocky islet, about 200 feet across. The light from this lighthouse is said to cast its warning reflection only towards the north and east, the recognized navigation channels.

The Alpha, steaming up the channel at a ten knot speed, with half a gale of wind behind her adding greatly to her speed, did not perceive the light and suddenly, before a voice of warning from her lookout or forward watch was heard, she ran her bow high up amidst the rock reefs surrounding the island. The wind, which had been increasing in force all the afternoon, was now blowing a gale and seas repeatedly broke over the vessel. Several seamen volunteered to swim ashore with lines, and three were thus made fast to the island. By means of these 25 members of the crew were landed on the small surface of Yellow Rock, but the captain, engineers and others, who were later drowned, decided to stand by their vessel and endeavor to prevent her from becoming a total wreck. Their efforts resulted only in the sacrifice of their lives.

The gale increased and fearful seas swept over the vessel. Boat, bridge, pilot house and masts were carried by board, and with them perished those who had stayed to fight their forlorn hope. Soon the ship's decks were ripped open and the crew standing on the unprotected, wave washed rocky islet, heard and saw the waves playing havoc with the cargo in the vessel's hold.

The plight of the 25 shipwrecked men was not an enviable one. The lighthouse keeper, however, did his best for their comfort and in his small dwelling they found shelter.

Sunday morning dawned with a peaceful sky overhead, but a long, lullian swell swept over the sea, breaking over the wreck and rocks with an angry swirl. The superficial examination of the wreck showed her to be under water at even low tide, and beyond hope of repair by her crew. Towards the afternoon a sloop hove in sight, and by its aid Chief Officer Wilkinson and the shipwrecked crew were enabled to reach the mainland at 6 p. m. on Sunday evening. They reached Union Bay just as a rescue crew, apprised of the disaster through the wreckage filling the bay, was about to proceed to their assistance.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN'S FUTURE.

Democratic Leader to Publish a Newspaper and Deliver Lectures.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15.—Mr. Bryan gave out the following interview this morning: "I have for several years had in contemplation the establishment of a weekly newspaper, and this seems an opportune time for undertaking it."

"Intending to devote my life to the study and discussion of public questions, I have chosen this method, because it will best accomplish the purpose which I shall be able to keep in touch with social and political problems. The paper will at the same time, if successful, provide an income sufficient for my pecuniary needs, and this kind of work will allow me more time with my family than I have been able to enjoy for several years past."

"I expect to lecture occasionally, especially in college towns, where I can speak to students, but my principal work will be done with the pen, or perhaps I should say with the pencil."

"The paper will be called The Commoner, and will defend the principles set forth in the Kansas City platform. The first issue will appear in January. I shall be proprietor and editor."

Two Killed by Exploding Dynamite.

Sellersville, Pa., Dec. 19.—Isiah Hunsberger, of Soudertown, and Joseph Bownawitz, of Telford, were killed by a dynamite explosion yesterday while the former was thawing out some frozen sticks of the explosive. The men were horribly lacerated, and died soon after the accident. Edwin Cope, who had been invited to see the thawing operation, stood back of Hunsberger and escaped serious injuries.

British Alterations Agreed To.

London, Dec. 19.—"Great Britain's proposed alterations in the preamble of the joint note have been practically accepted by all the powers," says the Pekin correspondent of The Daily Mail. "Both Russia and Japan, whose support was regarded as doubtful, have agreed. Only the attitude of the United States remains as yet not clearly defined, but the acquiescence of America is anticipated."

French Chamber Passed Amnesty Bill.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The chamber of deputies, after an all night session, adopted the amnesty bill by a vote of 156 to 2. The benefits of the measure extend to offenses connected with strikes, public meetings of associations, and the troubles in Algeria in 1897-98, in addition to cases arising out of the Dreyfus agitation.

Spanish Naval Cadets Mutiny.

Madrid, Dec. 19.—According to a dispatch from Ferrol, the cadets of the Spanish training ship Asturias mutinied, taking the part of one of their comrades who had been punished. Among the mutineers were the Duke of Montpensier and one of the sons of the Count of Caserta. An inquiry will be opened.

CADETS DENY BRUTAL HAZING.

But They Admit "Correctional Measures" Were Indulged In.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The military court of inquiry which began taking testimony in Bristol, Pa., Monday arrived at the military academy at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At 2:30 o'clock it resumed the investigation of the charges of hazing and brutal treatment made by the parents of former Cadet Oscar L. Booz. Gen. Brooke, Bates and Clous and Capt. Dean questioned the witnesses as to the practice of hazing in the academy, both in camp and barracks.

Fourteen of the 68 cadets of the second class were examined, and all of them who knew Booz declared that his standing with his classmates was not very high, as they looked upon him as a coward. The story of his fight with Keller, in '98, was told by Cadet O. N. Tyler, who succeeded Booz. When asked by the court why he did so Tyler said: "Well, Booz asked me to be his second, and I could not well refuse."

Every one of the witnesses denied that any brutal hazing occurred, and two of them described the "bracing" and "setting up drills" as only "correctional measures," and neither injurious nor humiliating. Every one of them seemed to give a straightforward story, and one and all denied that Booz had been interfered with on account of his religious belief and tendencies.

A SEMINARY HOLOCAUST.

Six Girl Students and Aged Janitor Burned Beyond Recognition.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 17.—From the smoldering ruins of the Fredonia State Normal and Training school, which was destroyed by fire at 6 o'clock Friday morning, seven bodies have been recovered, and the fire also entailed a \$200,000 loss.

There were 75 young women students in the building, of whom six perished. The other victim was the aged janitor. The dead: Phineas J. Morris, janitor; Irene Jones, Busti, N. Y.; Beattie Hathaway, Canonsville, N. Y.; Ruth Thomas, Pike, N. Y.; Cora Storms, Boston, N. Y.; Mae Williams, Lake Coma, Pa.; Maud F. Fizzell, Bradford, Pa.

The young women occupied rooms on the third floor of the building, in company with a matron and 50 other young women, who succeeded in escaping by descending the fire escapes. The first body was found on Friday, and five more bodies of young women were recovered yesterday at the foot of a fire escape. Today the janitor's body was recovered. All were burned beyond recognition, though nearly all the girls' bodies were identified by articles of jewelry.

Death of Associate Justice Ludlow.

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 19.—Associate Supreme Court Justice George C. Ludlow, of New Jersey, died yesterday at his residence here of bronchitis, aged 60. He had lived in New Brunswick since 1835. He graduated from Rutgers college in 1850, and was admitted to the bar in 1853. He served as city counsel, freholder and president of the board of education. In 1876 he was elected to the state senate, and two years later became president of that body. In 1880 he was elected governor of the state, and in 1894 he was a member of the constitutional commission. The following year he was made associate justice of the supreme court. His term would not have expired until 1902.

The Moorish Government Settles Up.

Washington, Dec. 19.—A message from United States Consul Gummery, at Tangiers, informs the state department that the Moorish government has settled the claim of the United States for \$5,000 indemnity on account of the murder of Marcus Eszagu, a naturalized American citizen, in Morocco last spring. Eszagu was of French birth, but the fact that he was naturalized as an American citizen relieved the French government from the necessity of joining in the demand for indemnity. The Moorish government pleaded as a basis for its first declaration to pay the fact that the man was killed, not by Moorish officers, but in a fight with the rabble.

Tortured and Murdered by Robbers.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 19.—Further investigation into the murder of Carl F. Rockel, an aged wine house keeper, at Mountainville, shows that Rockel had a desperate struggle with burglars, and that he was tortured by them. Though his hands were free when he was found, his wrists showed bruises, as if they had been bound. Lighted matches had been applied to his bare feet, the sulphur burns being deep in the flesh. The partially burned remains of masks were found in the stove. The motive of the murderers was robbery. They stole a revolver and razor, besides money and a watch.

Senator Sullivan Takes a Wife.

Washington, Dec. 19.—United States Senator William V. Sullivan, of Mississippi, and Mrs. Marie Newman Atkins, of this city, were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of St. Stephen's church. The bride is the daughter of the late Dr. Newman, of this city, who was a well known physician. She is a graduate of the Georgetown convent and an accomplished musician. The engagement is one of a year's standing. The marriage was to have taken place last summer, but the serious illness of Senator Sullivan caused a postponement.

A New Minister to Turkey.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The president yesterday nominated John C. A. Leishman, of Pennsylvania, now minister to Switzerland, to be United States minister to Turkey. The officials here will not admit that they have any official knowledge that a settlement has been reached of the American mission claims, and in some cases a flat denial is given, but it is believed a settlement has been reached under cover of purchase of a warship or in some other unofficial manner.

A Long Strike Ended.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The Gas Fitters' union signed a three years' agreement with the contractors last night, and its members returned to work today after an idleness of nearly a year. One of the provisions of the agreement was the withdrawal from the Building Trades Council. There is to be a joint arbitration committee.

CAPE COLONY RAIDED.

Boers Invade British Territory at Two Different Points.

LORD SALISBURY'S PESSIMISM.

His Gloomy Reference to South Africa Causes Much Heartburning in England—The War Entering on a New and Difficult Phase.

London, Dec. 19.—"The Boers have raided Cape Colony at two separate points 100 miles distant," says the Capetown correspondent of The Daily Mail. "One commando advanced upon Phillipstown, between Colesberg and Kimberley. The other, supposed to be Herzog's commando, crossed the Orange river between Odendaal Stroom and Bethulle, northwest of Burgersdorp, its objective apparently being Cradock."

"Gen. MacDonald is engaging the invaders, who have no guns, 20 miles west of Burgersdorp. The latest news is that they are being slowly forced back to the Orange river, where a warm reception is being prepared for them."

Lord Salisbury's gloomy reference to South Africa at the conference of the National Union of Conservative associations causes much heartburning. The Conservative Press, reluctant to admit that the situation is worse, complains of the premier's "needless pessimism."

The Daily News asks whether Lord Salisbury's utterances foreshadow the news of another reverse, and it suggests that the government has received dispatches from Lord Kitchener asking for more troops on the ground that the war, instead of being finished, is entering upon a new and difficult phase.

All the papers are urging the government to do everything possible to support Lord Kitchener. The queen's message to the volunteers was evidently designed to soothe the general disappointment over their retention in the field. There are rumors current that the government is not able to respond to appeals from South Africa to send out more regulars. The abandonment of the Thanksgiving service in St. Paul's brings vividly home to the public the fact that there is still much work to be done in South Africa.

The Times, editorially denouncing the "misguided leniency toward the Boers," says: "Such a concentration of Boers as brought disaster on Gen. Clements' force would not have been possible had we carried on the war as it would have been carried on by any other civilized nation."

ROCKEFELLER'S LATEST BENEFACTION.

President of Chicago University Says Professors Are Untrammelled.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—At the convocation exercises of the University of Chicago yesterday President Harper announced that John D. Rockefeller had made another gift of \$1,500,000 to the institution. Of this sum \$1,000,000 is to be used as an endowment fund, and the university is to derive the benefit of the income of it from year to year. It is also stipulated that the \$1,000,000 is to be in the university's name, and is to be considered its absolute property for all time. The balance of the gift is to be used for immediate purposes and for general needs.

Before making public Mr. Rockefeller's latest gift President Harper upheld in emphatic terms the right of the professors of the University of Chicago to freedom of speech. The earnestness with which he declared that no donor might interfere with the speech of any of the instructors of the university, coming as it did just before the announcement of an additional gift from Mr. Rockefeller, was especially significant. He said:

"Whatever may have happened to other universities, in the University of Chicago neither the trustees, nor the president, nor any one in official position has at any time called an instructor to account for any public utterances which he may have made. In order not to be misunderstood, I wish to say that no donor of funds to the university, and I include in the number of donors the founder of the university, Mr. Rockefeller, has ever by a single word or act indicated his dissatisfaction with the instruction given or with the public expression of opinion made by an officer of the university."

Our New Minister to Greece.

New York, Dec. 19.—Charles S. Francis, nominated yesterday by President McKinley to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Greece, was born in Troy, N. Y. He is the son of the late John M. Francis, who founded the Troy Daily Times in 1851, and who held the diplomatic missions to Greece, Portugal and Austria-Hungary. Mr. Francis graduated from Cornell university in 1877. While at college he repeatedly won the single scull championship of the university, and in 1876 he won the intercollegiate single scull championship at Saratoga Lake. On the death of his father, in 1897, he succeeded to the editorial direction and sole ownership of the Troy Times.

Miscegenation Causes a Riot.

Pittsburg, Dec. 19.—William Zoller, a traction employe, yesterday married Jennie Henry, a colored woman, and went to his home on Laurel street. Richard Zoller, a cousin of the groom, together with the father, tried to break into the house where the couple were, while a large crowd, numbering nearly a thousand, encouraged the besiegers. At midnight the bridal couple were barricaded in their home under police protection. The father is said to have threatened to kill his son or commit suicide.

Legal Contest Over Priest's Will.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Rev. Michael Powers, known as the oldest active priest in the United States, died six months ago, leaving an estate valued at \$40,000 to Rev. C. V. Mahoney, his friend and associate pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church in Wappingers Falls. Yesterday a contest was begun in the surrogate's court by nephews and nieces, who allege that Father Powers was induced to make the will by fraud and that he was incompetent to make a will.

Exercise and Health.



Exercise is a splendid thing for a healthy person. But rather than strengthen, exercise strains rather than strengthens. Exercise will not cure a "weak" stomach. It may increase the appetite, but it won't cure dyspepsia, and an increased appetite is a curse not a blessing to the sufferer from dyspepsia.

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"I was very sick indeed," writes Mrs. Mollie Jacobs, of Pelton, Kent Co., Delaware, "and our family doctor said I had consumption. I thought I must die soon for I felt so awful bad. I had a bad cough, spit blood, was very short of breath and pains in my chest and right lung, also had dyspepsia. Before I took your 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Pleasant Pellets' I was so weak I could not sweep a room, and now I can do a small washing. I feel like a new person. I was sick over two years. I took thirteen bottles of the 'Discovery,' and four vials of Dr. Pierce's Pellets."

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