

# GOLDEN GATE WRECK.

## Steamer Rio de Janeiro Went Down With 127 Souls.

### CONSUL WILDMAN A VICTIM.

#### He and His Family Went Down With the Ill-Fated Vessel, as Did Captain Ward, Her Commander—Only Seventy-four Rescued.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—The Pacific Mail steamer Rio de Janeiro ran on a hidden rock while entering the Golden Gate early yesterday morning in a dense fog. She sank a few minutes after striking. The latest figures place the loss at 127 persons, most of whom were Chinese and Japanese.

The most prominent passenger on the steamer was Rouseville Wildman, United States consul at Hong Kong, who was accompanied by his wife and two children. The ship was in command of Pilot Frederick Jordan when she struck. He was rescued. Capt. William Ward went down with his vessel.

As near as can be learned there were 201 people on board the Rio de Janeiro, as follows: Cabin passengers, 29; steerage (Asiatic), 58; second cabin, 7; white officers, 30; Asiatic crew, 77.

The saved number 74, classified as follows: Cabin passengers, 12; white officers, 12; steerage (Asiatic), 13; crew (Chinese), 37.

The lost number 127, classified as follows: Passengers, 24; officers, 18; crew (Chinese), 39; steerage (Asiatic), 46.

The following cabin passengers are lost: Rouseville Wildman, wife two children and nurse; Mrs. K. West, J. F. Seymour, H. C. Mattheson, Mrs. and Miss Wakefield, Miss Rewena Jehu, Zong Chong, Dr. Okawhara, Dr. Dodd, O. H. Henshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth, C. Dowdell.

The Rio de Janeiro was three days overdue from Hong Kong via Honolulu when she arrived off the Heads Thurs-



CONSUL GENERAL WILDMAN.

day night, and the dense fog prevailing at the time induced Pilot Jordan to bring her to anchor until he could see his way clear through the gateway. She laid to until about 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning, when the atmosphere cleared, and she was started under a slow bell toward Point Bonita. All went well until 5:40 o'clock, when she struck. Most of the passengers were below at the time, and it is believed that many of them were drowned in their berths.

The first news of the disaster reached here at 7:30 o'clock, and soon afterward a boat load of rescued passengers and petty officers arrived at the mail dock.

Tugs were immediately dispatched to render any service that might be needed, but no living persons were afloat when they reached the wreck. A number of drowning people were rescued by Italian fishermen, and the bodies of two white women, three Chinese and a Japanese were brought in by the tugs.

From all accounts it appears that the officers were cool and gave the necessary orders with the least possible excitement.

Capt. Ward, who was on deck when the vessel struck, at once gave orders to the crew on watch to hurry the passengers to the forward deck. At the same time the quartermaster on duty sounded the signal for fire drill, and within five minutes all the men were at their stations. There was not much confusion until, 15 minutes after striking, the bow of the vessel suddenly plunged under water. Then there was a wild rush for the boats. The Chinese crew, to the number of more than a hundred, was terrorized. Some of them huddled in little groups, chattering in fear. Others crouched close to the deck, moaning pitifully. Many jumped into the sea.

Capt. Ward remained on deck until the vessel had settled to such an extent that the water was engulfing him. Then he went up on the bridge and from there continued to issue his directions, although by this time the confusion was so great that few paid any attention to his commands.

That the steamer sank almost immediately after striking is the report of a majority of those rescued. Some of the passengers say that she instantly listed forward and that in five minutes she went down, while others declare that she stayed afloat for half an hour after she struck. The confusion occasioned by such an incident is intense, and it is not surprising to find that there is a lack of unanimity.

The wreck lies about three-fourths of a mile south of Fort Point and about a thousand yards off the rocky shore. The smokestack and a portion of the upper works of the ill-fated steamer are visible.

There are several conflicting stories concerning the fate of Capt. Ward. The steward of the Rio says that he stood beside the captain when the vessel went down. Two other survivors say that they also saw the captain to the last, but Frederick Lindstrom, the quartermaster of the Rio, emphatically declared that Capt. Ward emulated Admiral Tryon, of her British majesty's ship Victoria, in going down by his cabin, where he met his doom behind a locked door.

# OUR RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

## Senate Committee Proposes a Plan to Avert an Extra Session.

Washington, Feb. 26.—To avoid an extra session of congress the senate committee on relation with Cuba yesterday reported an amendment to the army appropriation bill, authorizing the president to leave the government of Cuba to its people provided the constitution of the island defines the future relations between its government and the United States, on lines suggested in the amendment. This proposition is declared to be a solution of the problem, satisfactory to all parties in the senate and to the president as well.

The amendments agreed upon provide that Cuba shall make a permanent treaty with the United States, in substance as follows:

"The government of Cuba shall never enter into any treaty or other compact with any foreign power or powers which will impair or tend to impair the independence of Cuba.

"Said government shall not assume or contract any public debt for which the ordinary revenues of the islands, after defraying the current expenses of government, shall be inadequate.

"The government of Cuba consents that the United States may exercise the right to intervene for the preservation of Cuban independence.

"All acts of the United States in Cuba during its military occupancy thereof are ratified and validated, and all lawful rights acquired thereunder shall be maintained and protected.

"The government of Cuba will execute, and as far as necessary extend, the plans already devised or other plans to be mutually agreed upon, for the sanitation of the cities of the island.

"The Isle of Pines shall be omitted from the proposed constitutional boundaries of Cuba, the title thereto being left to future adjustment by treaty.

"To enable the United States to maintain independence of Cuba, and to protect the people thereof, as well as for its own defense, the government of Cuba will sell or lease to the United States lands necessary for coaling or naval stations at certain specified points, to be agreed upon with the president of the United States."

# ALLEN ASSAILS SAMPSON

## For Insisting on Social Qualifications For Navy Officers.

Washington, Feb. 27.—In the senate yesterday Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, severely arraigned Rear Admiral Sampson for some endorsements he is alleged to have made upon an application of Chief Gunner Charles Morgan, of the navy, for promotion to the grade of commissioned officer. Mr. Allen's denunciation of Admiral Sampson was sensational.

The admiral, in his "endorsement," speaks highly of Morgan as a sailor, but opposes his application because: "While it is true that these men are selected from a large class of men of very unusual ability, which distinguishes them as perhaps the professional equals of their officers as far as their technical education stands, it is also true they are recruited from a class of men who have not had social advantages that are requisite for a commissioned officer."

Navy officers, while they may grant to some extent the force of the admiral's reasoning, deplore his deliverance, because of its effect on legislation pending and to come before congress, affecting the officers in the service. They believe that it defeats beyond doubt Sampson's promotion to the grade of vice admiral, and in all probability the other rewards recommended by the president on account of the sea campaign in Cuban waters.

But this is not regarded in the service as the chief result, for there is not much enthusiasm for the Santiago rewards, involving as they do the humiliation of so many brave men whose work was not showy, but none the less important.

# Alleged Attempted Bribery.

Dover, Del., Feb. 27.—The committee appointed last week by the house of representatives to investigate the allegations of Representative Walter M. Hearn, Democrat, that he had been offered \$2,000 to absent himself from the joint caucus and induce another Democrat to remain out of the joint session of the legislature while the balloting for United States senator was progressing last Thursday, met yesterday, and Mr. Hearn swore that the man who attempted to bribe him was Representative Reese Layton, of Sussex county, an Addicks supporter.

Layton denied the charge under oath, and says Hearn was drunk the night he charges the offer was made.

# Vanderlip to Retire.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The resignation of Hon. Frank A. Vanderlip, assistant secretary of the treasury, was announced at the department yesterday, to take effect upon the qualification of his successor, not later than March 8. It is Mr. Vanderlip's intention to sail for Europe soon, in order to make a study of financial and industrial affairs in England and on the continent. It is understood that upon his return he will become identified with a large western corporation. Milton E. Allen, of Ohio, now Secretary Gage's private secretary, will probably succeed Mr. Vanderlip.

# Murderer Lynched, Body Cremated.

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 27.—George Ward, 27 years old, colored, employed in the car works here, was arrested yesterday, and, according to the police, confessed having murdered Ida Finklestein, the school teacher who was found dying Monday evening in a grove outside the city. Subsequently a mob battered down the doors of the jail, took the prisoner out and hanged him to a railroad bridge. Then his dead body was placed in a huge bonfire and burned to ashes.

# The Threat to Europe's Industries.

London, Feb. 27.—The Daily Mail, in an alarmist editorial on the "Threatening aspect of the steel trade," says: "The time has surely come to recognize that, in an era of the fiercest and most unscrupulous competition, the community and the state must stand by the threatened trade, and, if national efforts will not suffice, international resources must be invoked to keep in Europe trade that will otherwise go to America."

# A WYOMING MINE FIRE

## Results in the Death of Thirty-six Workers.

### FUTILE ATTEMPTS AT RESCUE.

#### When It Was Found Impossible to Check the Flames the Mine Was Sealed Up and the Men Left to Their Fate.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 27.—The worst disaster in the history of coal mining in Wyoming since the Almy horror, eight years ago, occurred at Diamondville Monday night. Thirty-six men have perished in a fire which started in mine No. 1 of the Diamondville Coal and Coke company.

The blaze was discovered shortly after the night shift commenced work. It is thought to have originated from a careless miner's lamp in the oil room. The flames made such progress that only one man escaped from the two entries in which it was confined. His name is John Anderson, and he was frightfully burned in running the gauntlet of the flames. He was suddenly confronted by a wall of fire and smoke, and, wrapping his head in an overcoat, he ran in the direction of the main entrance.

The first intimation the miners in the other entries had of the fire was when Anderson came rushing into the upper level, his clothing in flames. The alarm was sounded and hundreds of miners at work in the mines and on the outside rushed to the rescue of their imprisoned comrades. The fires had by this time made such progress that it was impossible to enter the rooms of flames. The entire night was spent in confining the fire to the two entries, and yesterday it was necessary to seal them up to prevent the flames from spreading to other parts of the mine.

This step was only decided upon after all hope of saving the lives of the men had been abandoned. Nothing could live five minutes in the fire, which was increasing in fierceness every minute.

The plugging of the two entries will smother the fire, but it may be several days before the barricades can be removed and the chambers explored. The scenes at the mouth of the mine during the night and day were heart-rending. Relatives and friends of the entombed miners rushed to the mine, frantically waving their hands and crying to the mine officials and miners to save their dear ones.

Of the men imprisoned in the workings only two are supposed to be Americans, the balance being Italians and Finns. Nine of the men leave families.

It was given out by Superintendent Thomas Sneddon and confirmed by others familiar with the conditions that the lives of all the men were certainly extinguished within three minutes after the fire gained ascendancy.

An additional tragedy followed the main one yesterday. Thomas Simpson, with his young son, who are among the victims, came to Diamondville from Alabama but six weeks ago, bringing his wife, in the hope that the change of climate would benefit her health. The shock of Monday night's tragedy was too great for Mrs. Simpson's delicate health and yesterday she died. Thus every member of this family is a victim of the disaster.

# SENATOR QUAY AT HARRISBURG.

## Members and Miners Agree on Bills to Reform Mine Laws.

Harrisburg, Feb. 27.—Senator Quay reached Harrisburg yesterday afternoon from Washington, his first appearance since he left for Florida. He was accompanied by his son, Richard R. Quay, of Sewickley. They went direct to the executive mansion, where they are the guests of Governor Stone. The senator has recovered his health, and seems robust and vigorous. While here he will be active in support of the Pittsburg "ripper" bill and the Focht ballot reform measure.

A committee from the United Mine Workers and the senators and members from the anthracite and bituminous regions of Pennsylvania met in joint conference in Harrisburg yesterday and agreed upon several bills affecting the mining interests. The bills provide that all anthracite coal mining shall be paid for by weight at 2240 pounds to the ton; authorize the placing of check weighmen at each anthracite colliery, to be elected and maintained by the men; provide for the election of mine inspector by the people for the term of three years, at a salary of \$1,200 annually, and fix a penalty of \$500 or three months' imprisonment for violation of the semi-monthly pay law.

# Fatal Disobedience of Orders.

Trenton, Feb. 23.—One of the worst collisions in the history of the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania railroad occurred about 5:30 o'clock Thursday evening at Rising's siding, near Bordentown, and about eight miles south of Trenton. The "Nellie Bly" express, from New York for Atlantic City, collided with passenger train No. 320, running from Camden to Trenton. The total number of dead is 13, while about 30 were injured. Most of the victims were railroad laborers. Disobedience of orders caused the wreck.

# Liabilities, \$181,080; Assets, \$20.

New York, Feb. 27.—Marcus L. Freeman, now secretary and treasurer of a fire proof construction company in this city, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court yesterday, placing his liabilities at \$181,080, with assets of but \$20. The debts were incurred at La Crosse, Wis., between 1888 and 1891, and are unsecured. Freeman was at that time a member of the firm of M. A. Freeman & Co. The creditors are mainly banks.

# Is Botha Suing For Peace?

London, Feb. 27.—The Daily Chronicle this morning publishes, under editorial reserve, a rumor that Lord Kitchener has met Gen. Louis Botha to arrange terms of the surrender of the Boers, and that an armistice of 24 hours was granted the Boer commandant general to enable him to consult with the other commandants. According to The Daily Chronicle the cabinet council yesterday considered this new turn of affairs.



# Stop Women

from exercising common sense? You can't do it. As the old rhyme runs: "The man's a fool who tries by force or skill, To turn the current of a woman's will: For if she will, she will, you may depend on't, And if she won't she won't, so there's an end on't."

Common sense tells a woman that when she's sick she needs a doctor.

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